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FOREWORD

The tables in this publication are a compilation of wildfire statistics covering calendar year 1976 as reported to the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture by its field offices, the State Forester or comparable State official of each of the 50 States, the Department of the Interior, and the Tennessee Valley Authority.

The statistics obtained are for forest land and nonforested watershed lands in Federal ownership, and for State and privately owned lands which are included in the Cooperative Forest Fire Control Program as authorized by Section 2 of the Clarke-McNary Act of 1924.

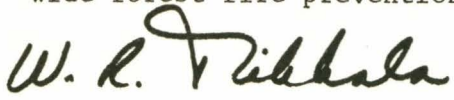
Statistical data are shown separately for each individual State, and totals are also given for geographical groups of States. These statistics are the most reliable information which the wildland protection agencies were able to obtain.

As no field organizations are available in unprotected areas to report fires, the statistics shown for such areas are merely the best estimates available.

Cooperation in forest fire control started under provision of the Weeks Law of March 1, 1911. The law authorized the Secretary of Agriculture to enter into agreements with the States "to cooperate in the organization and maintenance of a system of fire protection on any private or State forest lands ... upon the watershed of a navigable river." Cooperating States had to provide by law for a system of fire protection to which the Federal Government could contribute up to half of the cost.

The Clarke-McNary Act of 1924 broadened and strengthened the provisions of the Weeks Law. Section 2 authorized extension of Cooperative Forest Fire Control to include "any timbered or forest producing lands or watershed from which water is secured for domestic use or irrigation within the cooperative States."

Under the Clarke-McNary Act, the State forestry departments provide the manpower and organization to do the job within each State. The Forest Service gives support through financial assistance, coordination, review, and audit. It also provides services such as help in training of personnel, development and procurement of better fire equipment and tools, radio communications, implementation of knowledge gained in forest fire research, and direction of the nationwide forest fire prevention program.



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LIST OF STATES BY REGIONS WITHIN GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS OF STATES

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP

Northern Region

Idaho
Montana
North Dakota

Rocky Mountain Region

Colorado
Kansas
Nebraska
South Dakot-
Wyoming

Southwestern Region

Arizona
New Mexico

Intermountain Region

Nevada
Utah

PACIFIC GROUP

California Region

California
Guam
Hawaii

Alaska Region

Alaska

Pacific Northwest Region

Oregon
Washington

NORTH CENTRAL GROUP

North Central Region

Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Michigan
Minnesota
Missouri
Ohio
Wisconsin

SOUTHERN GROUP

Southern Region

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia

EASTERN GROUP

Eastern Region

Connecticut
Delaware
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
Vermont
West Virginia

THE 1976 FIRE SEASON

ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP

Northern Region:

Idaho and Montana had a very mild 1976 fire season except for a long dry fall, which, although it did not cause any serious problems, did add more fires to the record.

North Dakota, located in the western edge of the drought area that covered the Midwest, did not fare as well and had a "worse than average" season.

Rocky Mountain Region:

Colorado's fire season was about normal in length. The year began with below normal precipitation. The level of moisture increased statewide by May, but decreased again during June and July, and continued low into the winter months. An early Chinook wind resulted in the most potentially disastrous fire of the year. Fortunately, the wind subsided and the fire was contained before it reached structural improvements. Potential autumn fire starts did not materialize despite the ideal burning conditions over much of the State.

The spring fire season was one of the worst Kansas has experienced since the Clarke-McNary Program began. One example of this was February 24 when 16 separate fires burned 50,000 acres; strong northwesterly winds caused fires to spread at an exceptionally fast rate, which made control almost impossible during the daylight hours. March 23 was another bad day. Very high temperatures for that time of year, combined with a cool front with winds of 25 to 40 miles per hour, gusting to 55 miles per hour, resulted in five fires that burned 18,000 acres. On March 26, another cool front passed through the State, causing erratic fire behavior that resulted in the death of one fireman. A very welcome "greenup" occurred by the last of April.

In Nebraska, drought conditions of the past 3 years continued through 1976. Throughout the State, precipitation received was approximately two-thirds of normal. June and July also had below normal precipitation, and August had the least rainfall in 45 years.

The prarie sector of South Dakota was very dry. The Black Hills section was mildly wet. The early drought conditions in the eastern two-thirds of the State kept vegetative growth, or fuels, very limited. As a result, 582 fires burned 9,130 acres on State and privately owned lands.

An above average snowpack eliminated spring fire danger at higher elevations in all parts of Wyoming except for some portions in the southeast. Late spring moisture and cool conditions then eliminated any problems concerning early range fires. Adequate moisture continued to fall periodically and eliminated fire danger at both higher and lower elevations. However, snowfall was inadequate during the hunting season, which extended the possible fire season longer than normal. This trend continued through the end of the year

resulting in subnormal snow packs in several portions of the State.

Southwestern Region:

The winter of 1975 - 1976, leading into the 1976 fire season, was considerably warmer and drier than usual for most of Arizona and New Mexico. By February, it appeared that both States might be headed for a tough fire season similar to that experienced in 1974. The southern portions of both States had never really come out of the 1975 fire season and were timber dry when 1976 arrived. In March, spring rains began in the lower elevations in the southern portions of the States and this continued fairly well throughout the season. The higher elevations and basically the northern portions of the two States continued very dry, and precipitation was well below average. By mid-March, portions of both New Mexico and Arizona had received only 29 percent of the normal precipitation. Fire dangers ranged from high to extreme and the winds were high throughout the two-State area. Early May brought some rainfall and relief through increased humidity. The balance of May and June was a period of high temperatures, low humidity, and strong winds, conditions which are fairly characteristic of this season in the Southwest. In the latter part of June, several fires occurred and both States experienced multiple fire situations. From the first to the middle of July, the summer rains began over most of the Southwest, which raised humidities, provided moisture, and eased suppression problems. The summer rains carried through most of August and then another drying trend set in. The fall months of 1976 were very dry and winter precipitation was well below normal at the end of the year.

Intermountain Region:

Nevada experienced another below normal winter, and even the summer lightning storms produced little precipitation. The total precipitation was only 5.06 inches, 2.49 inches less than was received in 1975, - so the drought continues for Nevada. Natural vegetation dried out early in 1976 and the fire season started in April. Lightning activity was normal, although most summer storms brought little rain. The two largest wildland fires burned over 1,600 acres each in Elko County. Three serious wildland fires in the Sierra Range were caused by overnight hikers; one of these fires cost the lives of two firefighters and one helicopter pilot on the 5th of July.

In Utah the 1976 fire season was much more severe than usual. Only two seasons have been worse since fire records were first kept in 1940. A dry fall extended the fire season and there were a greater number of large fires than are normally experienced.

PACIFIC GROUP

California Region:

The State of California had a "different" fire season in 1976. The winter and spring of 1975 - 1976 were dry. Until about July 1st, rainfall was 60 percent of normal. Around July 1st, thunderstorms occurred over the Sierra and coast-

al mountains. Precipitation from these storms was enough to lower burning conditions and greatly reduce the number of fires. In southern California, at about the same time, the tailends of four hurricanes hit and literally drenched the area. This was highly unusual; weather records show that the last such occurrence was in 1929. The normally dry, parched deserts of southern California were green from August through November. The result of the rain was a drastic reduction in the number of fire starts and acreages burned throughout the State between mid-July to the end of the year. During the rather short fire season (mid-May to the first part of July) approximately 90 percent of the State's burned acreage occurred.

The fire weather for the State of Hawaii was normal until the fall months. The rains that usually occur in November did not arrive and the burning season continued through the end of the year. This accounted for the larger than normal acreage burned during 1976.

During the spring of 1976, Guam was hit with two very disastrous hurricanes. Since that date little, if any, fire reports have been received from them. There will, therefore, be no 1976 fire statistics for Guam in this publication.

Alaska Region:

There was a moderate amount of precipitation on the west side of the Kenai peninsula and the Chugach State Park area east of the city of Anchorage during 1976. Except for an early June fire that burned 1,045 acres in the Chugach State Park, most suppression activities in this area were on small fires. Weather was warm, but intermittent storms sweeping the Interior produced sufficient rain to hold fire danger to low levels. In other parts of Alaska, the 1976 fire season was one with unique weather patterns and varied changes throughout the season. In May, 70 degree temperatures prevailed in the Fairbanks Area. Generally, June was normal except for a deficit of precipitation in the Anchorage District. During July and August, spotty rain occurred, such as 2 inches of rain in the Big Delta area while very dry conditions persisted in Glenallen and Anchorage. During June, July, and August, Anchorage set a new record; the total rainfall for these months was 1.90 inches or 35 percent of normal, which is 5.46 inches. The previous record deficit for this area and time was 2.07 inches recorded in 1933. Fire activity began April 16 with the first man-caused fire occuring in the Glenallen Area. Man-caused fires continued throughout the fire season, the last occurring on October 12. Thunderstorms began on May 14. The first lightning fire occurred on June 10 in the Fortymile Area. In the next 2 days, McGrath had 20 lightning fire starts. There were 41 lightning fires in June scattered over the McGrath, Fairbanks, and Fortymile Areas. The West Twin Lake fire, that was the one major fire during this month, burned 32,000 acres. The second and most active multiple lightning fire occurrence began July 22 and continued until July 24. On July 23, 42 fires were reported. The majority of these fires were on a line between Bettles and Galena. There were 149 fires in July, with the majority of lightning fires occurring in the Fairbanks District. The lightning fire occurrence

diminished after July 26, although 20 fires did occur in the northern portion of the Fortymile Area. Most of the State received only minor lightning after July 3. The last lightning fire occurred on October 16 in the Glenallen Area.

Pacific Northwest Region.

The 1976 fire season for both Oregon and Washington was not typical of the normal pattern. Persistent spring rains and abnormal August precipitation reduced the severity of the usual worst period. A drying trend began in August, and normal late September rains did not occur. Severe east winds during October caused escape of several slash fires, which produced a good share of the year's area burned and much of the damages. The drought of late 1975 extended into 1976 and was considered to be a most extreme condition.

NORTH CENTRAL GROUP

North Central Region

In Illinois, fire activity in the spring and fall was a little above normal because of the hot, dry days that occurred in the southern part of the State. Other areas in the State showed no increase in fires or acres burned during the same period.

Indiana's weather conditions were about normal for most of the year, but a few hot, dry days in the southern part of the State caused some fires to burn more acreage than is normal.

In Iowa, drought conditions continued to grow this year as in the past few years. Fire occurrence was higher than normal because of the drier conditions. It was definitely not a good year for Iowa.

Michigan's fire season conditions were normal in most areas. However, drought conditions did occur in the northern part of the State and this caused some fires to burn larger areas than normal.

Minnesota's spring fire season was the same as last year's, with very little rainfall occurring over most of the State. The drought conditions by mid-July were as bad as they had ever been in the history of the State. This extended low-water-table condition caused many fires to require extra mopup during the fire season. This is the third year in which the State has experienced a prolonged late summer dry period.

The spring fire season in Missouri began very early in the year. The largest number of fires occurred in February. This was the result of a long dry period that began in 1975. The dry conditions continued through the year in some parts of the State and resulted in an increase in the number of fires over those recorded in the last few years.

Southern Ohio had conditions that were drier than during the last few years. However, the rest of the State remained in a more or less normal fire season situation.

Wisconsin experienced a drier than normal fire season in the northern part of the State. This drought condition caused fires to burn more acreage than normal. The intensity of the fires in the northern part of the State was higher because of the dry conditions. Peat fires, which are so difficult to suppress, increased in number this year.

SOUTHERN GROUP

Southern Region

Alabama experienced a gradual fire danger buildup as unseasonably warm and dry weather occurred during January, February, and early March. Precipitation for the period measured only 4.4 inches for the period.

Arkansas experienced a hot and dry fire season. At one point precipitation was below normal to the extent that no other period in the past 16 years recorded lower rainfall figures.

In Florida, cold weather and frost at the beginning and end of the year resulted in additional fuels and fire occurrences. Average rainfall allowed control of fires before they became large ones. Several muck fires occurred in late summer as precipitation decreased. During the 1976 fire season, 8,845 fires destroyed 154,763 acres of State and private lands.

Georgia received a nearly normal rainfall total during the year, but heavy and widely spaced rains left periods of dry fuel conditions and many fires. In the 1976 season there were 13,939 fires that burned 60,716 acres of Georgia's protected lands.

In Kentucky, total rainfall for the year was near normal, but a very dry period with above average winds existed from February through April. During this period, 4,185 fires burned 124,731 acres of the State's protected lands.

Louisiana also experienced a hot and dry season with the number of fire class days in the high and extreme danger levels that were above the previous 5-year average. There were 8,429 fires that burned 87,744 acres of protected lands.

The fire season began in Mississippi on January 15. From that date through April, extremely dry conditions prevailed. This period also brought high winds and was the period of greatest fire danger during the year. Precipitation for the year was 2 inches below normal. In this State, 9,296 fires burned 112,466 acres of the protected area.

North Carolina had one of the worst fire seasons on record. February and

March were extremely dry and no burning permits were issued. April brought another very dry period with no precipitation whatever for 29 days. April 5 through 30 was the longest period with a no-burning ban since 1930. May brought rain and some relief, but August was dry and it was again necessary to have a no-burning ban for 4 days.

Oklahoma had the worst fire season since 1966. October 1975 through April 1976 was very hot and dry. February was the worst month of the entire season.

Although the 1976 season in South Carolina had 13.27 inches above normal rainfall, February, March, and April had high burning conditions from dry fuels and high winds. This period had the largest single fire in South Carolina Forestry Commission's history. This fire, in Horry County, burned from April 10 to April 15. When it was finally contained, it had destroyed 30,000 acres of protected land.

Tennessee experienced the longest spring fire season on record. It began in the latter part of February and continued until the rains came in early May. Rainfall in March and April was 5 inches below normal. This was the first time in memory when the fire season was extreme in February.

In Texas, the fall and winter fire seasons of 1975 continued on through the spring of 1976. Rainfall was the lowest during January and February, but "greenup" in March slowed the fire season down a bit. A total of 36,830 fires occurred on protected and unprotected areas. These fires burned a total of 2,239,037 acres with only 55,737 of them on State protected lands.

Virginia had a sharp increase in the number of fire occurrences due to a very dry spring. Drought conditions existed over much of the State by early summer and several fires occurred in each of the summer months. Normal rain in October and November reduced the fire hazard and the number of fire occurrences.

EASTERN GROUP

Eastern Region:

Connecticut had a drier than normal fire season in 1976. Because of this it was necessary to spend more time in mopping-up fires.

In Delaware, weather conditions in the spring fire season were wetter than normal. This resulted in fewer fires and less burned acreage for the year.

The State of Maine had a normal fire season, which, fortunately, resulted in fewer fires than in 1975 and less acreage burned.

Maryland had a less than normal fire season thanks to timely precipitation. The eastern part of the State was drier than normal, but no large fires occurred.

The Massachusetts fire season was worse than in 1975. The spring fire season was drier than normal but the total number of fires was about average and the number of large fires did not exceed those usually experienced.

In New Hampshire, some areas experienced a drier than normal period in the spring fire season, but no large fires resulted from this short term drying.

New Jersey had a dry spring fire season that caused some fires to become larger than has been experienced in the last few years. The fall fire season was longer than normal but no very large fires occurred.

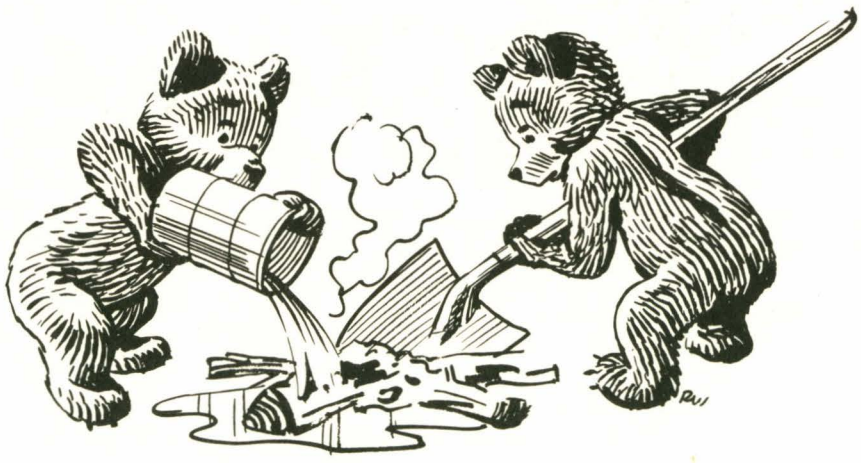
Conditions in New York changed very little from the pattern of recent years. A few areas did experience drier conditions than are considered to be normal.

In Pennsylvania, the fire season was longer than in recent years, but no major fires occurred. Some areas had higher than normal temperatures with little moisture, but this did not affect the average for fire occurrences during the year.

In Rhode Island, the fire season was slightly longer than experienced last year. However, this did not result in a higher than normal number of acres burned.

Vermont had some dry areas during the spring fire season, but the fire occurrence pattern remained the same for the entire year.

In West Virginia, the character of the fire season in 1976 improved over that experienced a few years ago. Acreage burned was about the same as the last 5-year average.



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GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS OF STATES

Tables are arranged in the following Geographic Groups.

Rocky Mountain Group

- Arizona
- Colorado
- Idaho
- Kansas
- Montana
- Nebraska
- Nevada
- New Mexico
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Utah
- Wyoming

Pacific Group

- Alaska
- California
- Guam
- Hawaii
- Oregon
- Washington

North Central Group

- Illinois
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Ohio
- Wisconsin

Southern Group

- Alabama
- Arkansas
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kentucky
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- North Carolina
- Oklahoma
- South Carolina
- Tennessee
- Texas
- Virginia

Eastern Group

- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Maine
- Maryland
- Massachusetts
- New Hampshire
- New Jersey
- New York
- Pennsylvania
- Rhode Island
- Vermont
- West Virginia

TABLE 1. -- SUMMARY OF LAND AREA QUALIFYING FOR PROTECTION -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
FEDERAL, AND STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS BY LAND AREA TYPES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP 2/ 3/ 4/	AREA QUALIFYING FOR PROTECTION				PROTECTED FOREST AND NONFORESTED WATERSHED LANDS				QUALIFYING AREA BURNED	
		Total Qualifying Area	Total Area Protected	Total Area Unprotected	Percent Protected	Total Forest Area Protected	Percent of Total Protected Area	Total Protected Nonforested Watershed	Percent of Total Protected Area	Percent Burned On Protected Area	Percent Burned On Unprotected Area
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	Percent	Percent
UNITED STATES	Federal	734,475	680,243	54,232	92.62	204,003	29.99	476,240	70.01	0.08	No Data
	State & Private	838,420	737,228	101,192	87.93	435,882	59.12	301,346	40.88	0.29	2.44
	TOTAL	1,572,895	1,417,471	155,424	90.12	639,885	45.14	777,586	54.86	0.19	1.59
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	310,993	310,993	---	100.00	97,924	31.49	213,069	68.51	0.09	---
	State & Private	257,218	215,493	41,725	83.78	42,604	19.77	172,889	80.23	0.16	0.02
	TOTAL	568,211	526,486	41,725	92.66	140,528	26.69	385,958	73.31	0.12	0.02
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	391,853	337,621	54,232	86.16	81,815	24.23	255,806	75.77	0.04	No Data
	State & Private	93,224	80,273	12,951	86.11	49,738	61.96	30,535	38.04	0.25	No Data
	TOTAL	485,077	417,894	67,183	86.15	131,553	31.48	286,341	68.52	0.08	No Data
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	11,554	11,554	---	100.00	9,594	83.04	1,960	16.96	0.59	---
	State & Private	119,015	106,315	12,700	89.33	72,058	67.78	34,257	32.22	0.14	0.12
	TOTAL	130,569	117,869	12,700	90.27	81,652	69.27	36,217	30.73	0.31	0.40
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	17,298	17,298	---	100.00	12,227	70.68	5,071	29.32	0.28	---
	State & Private	275,420	245,358	30,062	89.09	194,492	79.27	50,866	20.73	0.46	7.98
	TOTAL	292,718	262,656	30,062	89.73	206,719	78.70	55,937	21.30	0.45	7.98
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	2,777	2,777	---	100.00	2,443	87.97	334	12.03	0.03	---
	State & Private	93,543	89,789	3,754	95.99	76,990	85.75	12,799	14.25	0.17	0.40
	TOTAL	96,320	92,566	3,754	96.10	79,433	85.81	13,133	14.19	0.16	0.40
STATES											
ALABAMA 5/	Federal	694	694	---	100.00	639	92.07	55	7.93	0.14	---
	State & Private	25,029	25,029	---	100.00	20,838	83.26	4,191	16.74	0.61	---
	TOTAL	25,723	25,723	---	100.00	21,477	83.49	4,246	16.51	0.59	---
ALASKA 6/	Federal	305,054	250,993	54,061	82.28	31,962	12.73	219,031	87.27	0.02	No Data
	State & Private	21,096	18,143	2,953	86.00	10,548	58.14	7,595	41.86	0.01	No Data
	TOTAL	326,150	269,136	57,014	82.52	42,510	15.79	226,626	84.21	0.02	No Data
ARIZONA 7/	Federal	46,323	46,323	---	100.00	12,384	26.73	33,939	73.27	0.07	---
	State & Private	18,328	18,328	---	100.00	164	0.89	18,164	99.11	0.03	---
	TOTAL	64,651	64,651	---	100.00	12,548	19.41	52,103	80.59	0.06	---
ARKANSAS 5/	Federal	2,677	2,677	---	100.00	2,462	91.97	215	8.03	0.07	---
	State & Private	20,698	20,698	---	100.00	16,308	78.79	4,390	21.21	0.42	---
	TOTAL	23,375	23,375	---	100.00	18,770	80.30	4,605	19.70	0.38	---
CALIFORNIA 7/	Federal	39,607	39,607	---	100.00	20,751	52.39	18,856	47.61	0.11	---
	State & Private	33,286	33,286	---	100.00	14,382	43.21	18,904	56.79	0.53	---
	TOTAL	72,893	72,893	---	100.00	35,133	48.20	37,760	51.80	0.30	---
COLORADO 8/	Federal	24,069	24,069	---	100.00	13,847	57.53	10,222	42.47	0.02	---
	State & Private	9,482	9,482	---	100.00	3,368	35.52	6,114	64.48	0.05	---
	TOTAL	33,551	33,551	---	100.00	17,215	51.31	16,336	48.69	0.03	---
CONNECTICUT 5/	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	2,390	2,390	---	100.00	1,928	80.67	462	19.33	0.05	---
	TOTAL	2,390	2,390	---	100.00	1,928	80.67	462	19.33	0.13	---
DELAWARE 5/	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	557	557	---	100.00	387	69.48	170	30.52	0.01	---
	TOTAL	557	557	---	100.00	387	69.48	170	30.52	0.06	---
FLORIDA 5/	Federal	2,073	2,073	---	100.00	1,089	52.53	984	47.47	0.69	---
	State & Private	26,243	26,243	---	100.00	18,990	72.36	7,253	27.64	0.53	---
	TOTAL	28,316	28,316	---	100.00	20,079	70.91	8,237	29.09	0.55	---

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP 2/ 3/ 4/	AREA QUALIFYING FOR PROTECTION				PROTECTED FOREST AND NONFORESTED WATERSHED				QUALIFYING AREA BURNED	
		Total Qualifying Area	Total Area Protected	Total Area Unprotected	Percent Protected	Total Protected Forest Area	Percent of Total Protected Area	Total Protected Nonforested Watershed	Percent of Total Protected Area	Percent Burned On Protected Area	Percent Burned On Unprotected Area
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	Percent	Percent
GEORGIA 7/	Federal	1,310	1,310	---	100.00	845	64.50	465	35.50	0.20	No Data
	State & Private	27,279	27,279	---	100.00	23,420	85.85	3,859	14.15	0.21	---
	TOTAL	28,589	28,589	---	100.00	24,265	84.88	4,324	15.12	0.21	---
GUAM 9/	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED									
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII 5/	Federal	169	169	---	100.00	---	---	169	100.00	0.02	No Data
	State & Private	3,306	3,306	---	100.00	1,774	53.66	1,532	46.34	0.24	---
	TOTAL	3,475	3,475	---	100.00	1,774	51.05	1,701	48.95	0.23	---
IDAHO 5/	Federal	33,237	33,237	---	100.00	20,841	62.70	12,396	37.30	0.48	---
	State & Private	12,592	7,127	5,465	56.60	4,320	60.61	2,807	39.39	0.24	0.10
	TOTAL	45,829	40,364	5,465	88.08	25,161	62.34	15,203	37.66	0.44	0.10
ILLINOIS 5/	Federal	256	256	---	100.00	248	96.88	8	3.12	0.07	---
	State & Private	8,453	8,453	---	100.00	5,107	60.42	3,346	39.58	0.08	---
	TOTAL	8,709	8,709	---	100.00	5,355	61.49	3,354	38.51	0.08	---
INDIANA 5/	Federal	189	189	---	100.00	179	94.71	10	5.29	0.15	---
	State & Private	7,328	7,328	---	100.00	3,761	51.32	3,567	48.68	0.09	---
	TOTAL	7,517	7,517	---	100.00	3,940	52.41	3,577	47.59	0.09	---
IOWA 5/	Federal	4	4	---	100.00	1	25.00	3	75.00	---	---
	State & Private	7,612	7,612	---	100.00	2,586	33.97	5,026	66.03	0.43	---
	TOTAL	7,616	7,616	---	100.00	2,587	33.97	5,029	66.03	0.43	---
KANSAS 5/	Federal	160	160	---	100.00	---	---	160	100.00	0.001	---
	State & Private	19,792	19,792	---	100.00	1,323	6.68	18,469	93.32	0.99	---
	TOTAL	19,952	19,952	---	100.00	1,323	6.63	18,629	93.37	0.98	---
KENTUCKY 7/	Federal	717	717	---	100.00	521	72.66	196	27.34	0.14	---
	State & Private	16,886	16,886	---	100.00	10,953	64.86	5,933	35.14	0.73	---
	TOTAL	17,603	17,603	---	100.00	11,474	65.18	6,129	34.82	0.71	---
LOUISIANA 5/	Federal	851	851	---	100.00	596	70.04	255	29.96	0.52	---
	State & Private	20,939	20,939	---	100.00	14,926	71.28	6,013	28.72	0.40	---
	TOTAL	21,790	21,790	---	100.00	15,522	71.23	6,268	28.77	0.40	---
MAINE 5/	Federal	120	120	---	100.00	42	35.00	78	65.00	0.003	---
	State & Private	17,743	17,743	---	100.00	17,220	97.05	523	2.95	0.04	---
	TOTAL	17,863	17,863	---	100.00	17,262	96.64	601	3.36	0.04	---
MARYLAND 5/	Federal	19	19	---	100.00	---	---	19	100.00	0.23	---
	State & Private	3,700	3,700	---	100.00	2,706	73.14	994	26.86	0.10	---
	TOTAL	3,719	3,719	---	100.00	2,706	72.76	1,013	27.24	0.10	---
MASSACHUSETTS 5/	Federal	57	57	---	100.00	---	---	57	100.00	0.04	---
	State & Private	3,581	3,581	---	100.00	3,145	87.82	436	12.18	0.27	---
	TOTAL	3,638	3,638	---	100.00	3,145	86.45	493	13.55	0.27	---
MICHIGAN 5/	Federal	3,367	3,367	---	100.00	2,717	80.69	650	19.31	1.70	---
	State & Private	19,675	19,675	---	100.00	16,677	84.76	2,998	15.24	0.13	---
	TOTAL	23,042	23,042	---	100.00	19,394	84.17	3,648	15.83	0.36	---

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TABLE 1 -- SUMMARY OF LAND AREA QUALIFYING FOR PROTECTION -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
FEDERAL, AND STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS BY LAND AREA TYPES (Continued)

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP 2/ 3/ 4/	AREA QUALIFYING FOR PROTECTION				PROTECTED FOREST AND NONFORESTED WATERSHED LANDS				QUALIFYING AREA BURNED	
		Total Qualifying Area	Total Area Protected	Total Area Unprotected	Percent Protected	Total Forest Area Protected	Percent of Total Protected Area	Total Protected Nonforested Watershed	Percent of Total Protected Area	Percent Burned On Protected Area	Percent Burned On Unprotected Area
		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	Percent	Percent	Percent
MINNESOTA 5/	Federal	4,107	4,107	---	100.00	3,197	77.84	910	22.16	0.17	---
	State & Private	22,830	22,830	---	100.00	16,166	70.81	6,664	29.19	0.66	---
	TOTAL	26,937	26,937	---	100.00	19,363	71.88	7,574	28.12	0.58	---
MISSISSIPPI 5/	Federal	1,266	1,266	---	100.00	1,151	90.92	115	9.08	0.24	---
	State & Private	20,021	19,858	163	99.19	15,388	77.49	4,470	22.51	0.55	0.91
	TOTAL	21,287	21,124	163	99.23	16,539	78.29	4,585	21.71	0.53	0.91
MISSOURI 5/	Federal	1,562	1,562	---	100.00	1,440	92.19	122	7.81	0.22	---
	State & Private	23,777	15,696	8,081	66.01	9,647	61.46	6,050	38.54	0.30	0.62
	TOTAL	25,339	17,258	8,081	68.11	11,087	64.24	6,172	35.76	0.29	0.62
MONTANA 5/	Federal	34,852	34,852	---	100.00	17,619	50.55	17,233	49.45	0.02	---
	State & Private	50,889	18,326	32,563	36.01	18,326	100.00	---	---	0.01	0.005
	TOTAL	85,741	53,178	32,563	62.02	35,945	67.59	17,233	32.41	0.02	0.005
NEBRASKA 5/	Federal	760	760	---	100.00	266	35.00	494	65.00	0.36	---
	State & Private	27,154	27,154	---	100.00	976	3.59	26,178	96.41	0.08	---
	TOTAL	27,914	27,914	---	100.00	1,242	4.45	26,672	95.55	0.09	---
NEVADA 5/	Federal	58,767	58,767	---	100.00	5,147	8.76	53,620	91.24	0.01	---
	State & Private	8,777	8,777	---	100.00	77	0.88	8,700	99.12	0.04	---
	TOTAL	67,544	67,544	---	100.00	5,224	7.73	62,320	92.27	0.02	---
NEW HAMPSHIRE 5/	Federal	684	684	---	100.00	680	99.42	4	0.58	---	---
	State & Private	4,631	4,631	---	100.00	4,345	93.82	286	6.18	0.01	---
	TOTAL	5,315	5,315	---	100.00	5,025	94.54	290	5.46	0.01	---
NEW JERSEY 5/	Federal	75	75	---	100.00	---	---	75	100.00	0.40	---
	State & Private	2,705	2,705	---	100.00	2,163	79.96	542	20.04	0.51	---
	TOTAL	2,780	2,780	---	100.00	2,163	77.81	617	22.19	0.51	---
NEW MEXICO 7/	Federal	29,788	29,788	---	100.00	9,730	32.66	20,058	67.34	0.04	---
	State & Private	40,199	40,199	---	100.00	6,999	17.41	33,200	82.59	0.06	---
	TOTAL	69,987	69,987	---	100.00	16,729	23.90	53,258	76.10	0.05	---
NEW YORK 5/	Federal	55	55	---	100.00	---	---	55	100.00	0.16	---
	State & Private	20,712	16,958	3,754	81.88	14,050	82.85	2,908	17.15	0.04	0.40
	TOTAL	20,767	17,013	3,754	81.92	14,050	82.58	2,963	17.42	0.04	0.40
NORTH CAROLINA 7/	Federal	1,659	1,659	---	100.00	1,193	71.91	466	28.09	0.63	---
	State & Private	21,217	20,817	400	98.11	17,862	85.80	2,955	14.20	0.34	2.09
	TOTAL	22,876	22,476	400	98.25	19,055	84.78	3,421	15.22	0.36	2.09
NORTH DAKOTA 5/	Federal	4,105	4,105	---	100.00	---	---	4,105	100.00	0.19	---
	State & Private	356	228	128	64.04	228	100.00	---	---	0.28	0.23
	TOTAL	4,461	4,333	128	97.13	228	5.26	4,105	94.74	0.19	0.23
OHIO 5/	Federal	167	167	---	100.00	166	99.40	1	0.60	0.18	---
	State & Private	10,442	5,823	4,619	55.77	4,056	69.65	1,767	30.35	0.01	0.03
	TOTAL	10,609	5,990	4,619	56.46	4,222	70.48	1,768	29.52	0.02	0.03
OKLAHOMA 5/	Federal	443	443	---	100.00	245	55.30	198	44.70	0.33	---
	State & Private	27,973	5,007	22,966	17.90	4,002	79.93	1,005	20.07	1.73	0.89
	TOTAL	28,416	5,450	22,966	19.18	4,247	77.93	1,203	22.07	1.61	0.89

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		M Acres	M Acres	M Acres	Percent	M Acres	M Acres	M Acres	Percent	Percent	Percent
OREGON 5/	Federal	32,764	32,764	---	100.00	18,394	56.14	14,370	43.86	0.02	---
	State & Private	23,027	13,029	9,998	56.58	10,525	80.78	2,504	19.22	0.03	No Data
	TOTAL	55,791	45,793	9,998	82.08	28,919	63.15	16,874	36.85	0.02	No Data
PENNSYLVANIA 5/	Federal	544	544	---	100.00	506	93.01	38	6.99	0.02	---
	State & Private	19,541	19,541	---	100.00	16,083	82.30	3,458	17.70	0.08	---
	TOTAL	20,085	20,085	---	100.00	16,589	82.59	3,496	17.41	0.07	---
RHODE ISLAND 5/	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	512	512	---	100.00	452	88.28	60	11.72	0.27	---
	TOTAL	512	512	---	100.00	452	88.28	60	11.72	0.27	---
SOUTH CAROLINA 5/	Federal	773	773	---	100.00	607	78.53	166	21.47	0.25	---
	State & Private	13,289	13,289	---	100.00	11,427	85.99	1,862	14.01	0.62	---
	TOTAL	14,062	14,062	---	100.00	12,034	85.58	2,028	14.42	0.60	---
SOUTH DAKOTA 5/	Federal	14,208	14,208	---	100.00	1,134	7.98	13,074	92.02	0.08	---
	State & Private	25,816	25,816	---	100.00	705	2.73	25,111	97.27	0.04	---
	TOTAL	40,024	40,024	---	100.00	1,839	4.59	38,185	95.41	0.05	---
TENNESSEE 7/	Federal	952	952	---	100.00	619	65.02	333	34.98	0.23	---
	State & Private	12,582	12,478	104	99.17	12,478	100.00	---	---	0.50	No Data
	TOTAL	13,534	13,430	104	99.23	13,097	97.52	333	2.48	0.48	No Data
TEXAS 7/	Federal	1,961	1,961	---	100.00	662	33.76	1,299	66.24	0.09	---
	State & Private	24,669	18,240	6,429	73.94	13,220	72.48	5,020	27.52	0.30	33.96
	TOTAL	26,630	20,201	6,429	75.86	13,882	68.72	6,319	31.28	0.28	33.96
UTAH 5/	Federal	33,994	33,994	---	100.00	8,029	23.62	25,965	76.38	0.05	---
	State & Private	14,724	14,724	---	100.00	4,665	31.68	10,059	68.32	0.36	---
	TOTAL	48,718	48,718	---	100.00	12,694	26.06	36,024	73.94	0.14	---
VERMONT 5/	Federal	262	262	---	100.00	261	99.62	1	0.38	---	---
	State & Private	4,638	4,638	---	100.00	4,081	87.99	557	12.01	0.02	---
	TOTAL	4,900	4,900	---	100.00	4,342	88.61	558	11.39	0.02	---
VIRGINIA 5/	Federal	1,922	1,922	---	100.00	1,598	83.14	324	16.86	0.08	---
	State & Private	18,595	18,595	---	100.00	14,680	78.95	3,915	21.05	0.07	---
	TOTAL	20,517	20,517	---	100.00	16,278	79.34	4,239	20.66	0.08	---
WASHINGTON 8/	Federal	14,259	14,088	171	98.80	10,708	76.01	3,380	23.99	0.18	No Data
	State & Private	12,509	12,509	---	100.00	12,509	100.00	---	---	0.10	---
	TOTAL	26,768	26,597	171	99.36	23,217	87.29	3,380	12.71	0.14	No Data
WEST VIRGINIA 5/	Federal	961	961	---	100.00	954	99.27	7	0.73	0.04	---
	State & Private	12,833	12,833	---	100.00	10,430	81.27	2,403	18.73	0.69	---
	TOTAL	13,794	13,794	---	100.00	11,384	82.53	2,410	17.47	0.64	---
WISCONSIN 5/	Federal	1,902	1,902	---	100.00	1,646	86.54	256	13.46	0.01	---
	State & Private	18,898	18,898	---	100.00	14,058	74.39	4,840	25.61	0.14	---
	TOTAL	20,800	20,800	---	100.00	15,704	75.50	5,096	24.50	0.14	---
WYOMING 5/	Federal	30,730	30,730	---	100.00	8,927	29.05	21,803	70.95	0.02	---
	State & Private	29,109	25,540	3,569	87.74	1,453	5.69	24,087	94.31	0.06	0.02
	TOTAL	59,839	56,270	3,569	94.04	10,380	18.45	45,890	81.55	0.04	0.02

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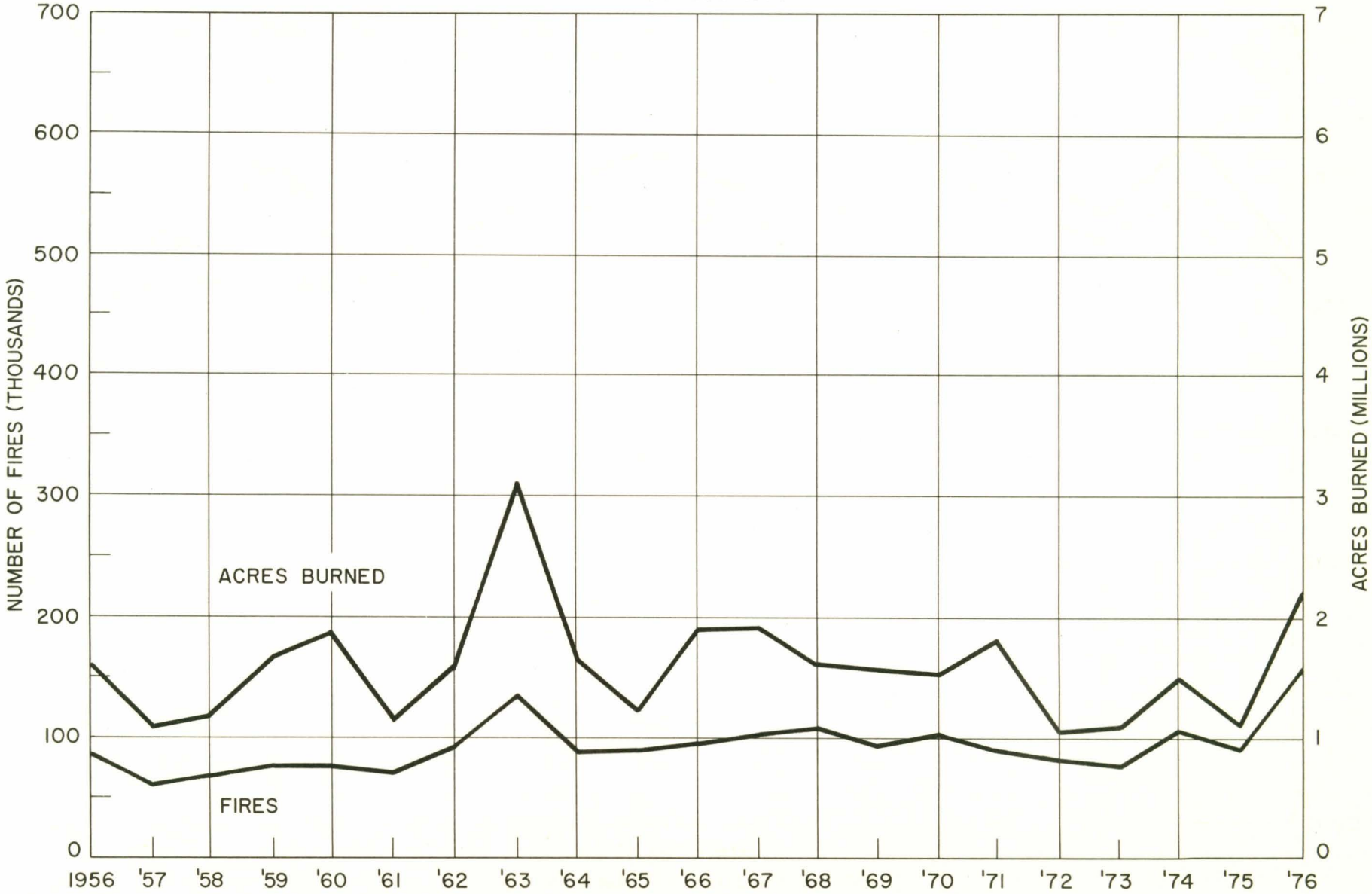
NUMBER OF FIRES AND ACRES BURNED

STATE AND PRIVATE PROTECTED LANDS

CY 1956-1976



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STATE AND PRIVATE PROTECTED LANDS

CY 1963-1976

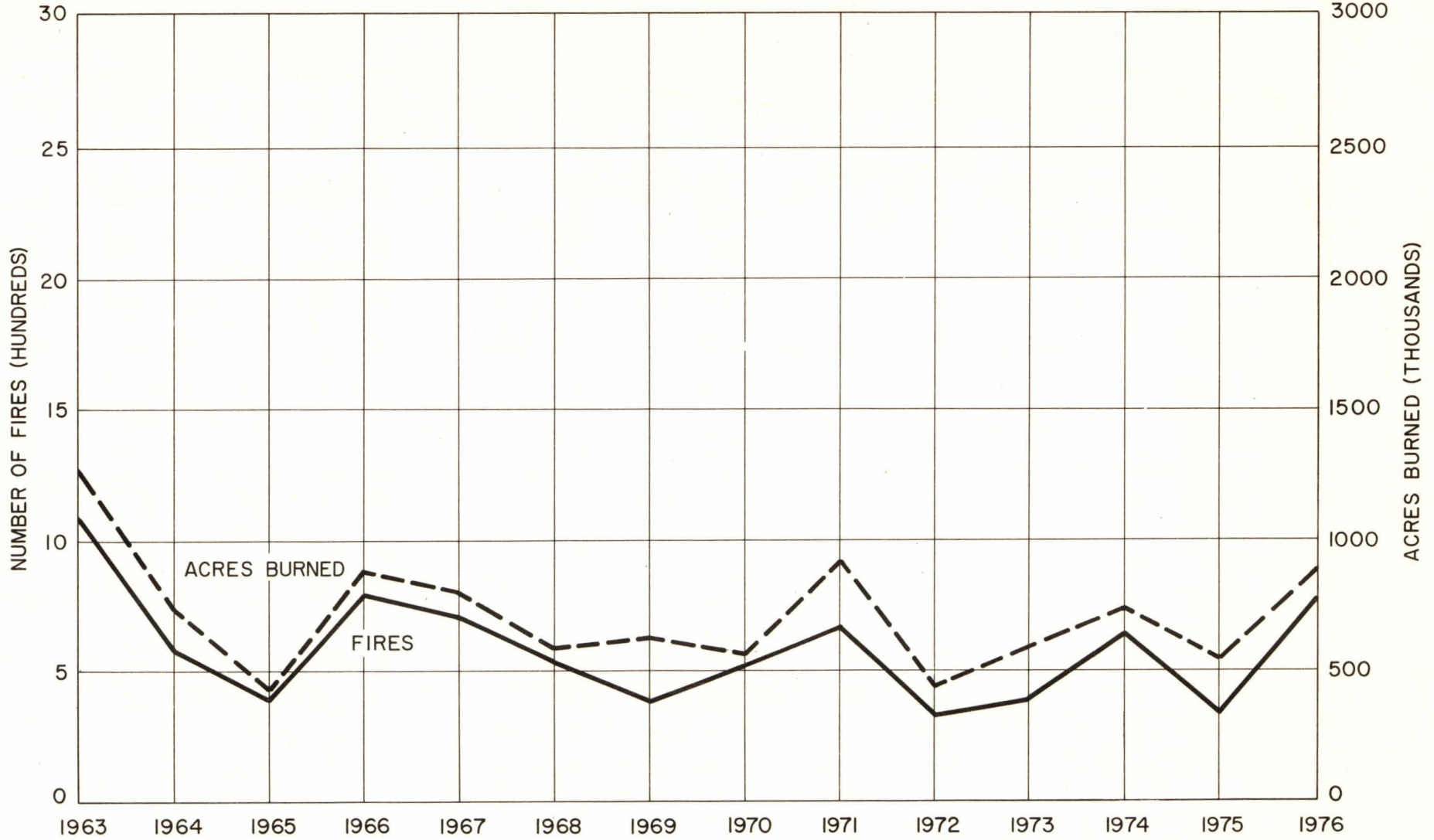


TABLE 2. -- SUMMARY OF FIRES AND ACRES BURNED -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976 ON PROTECTED FEDERAL, AND STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED			
		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		Fires Per MM Acres Protected	Fires Per MM Acres Unprotected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Protected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Unprotected
		Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	No. Fires	No. Fires	No. Acres	No. Acres
UNITED STATES	Federal	15,800	15,800	100.00	No Data	No Data	518,789	518,789	100.00	No Data	No Data	23	No Data	763	No Data
	State & Private	225,899	157,035	69.52	68,864	30.48	4,591,137	2,118,709	46.15	2,472,428	53.85	213	681	2,874	24,433
	TOTAL	241,699	172,835	71.51	68,864	28.49	5,109,926	2,637,498	51.62	2,472,428	48.38	122	443	1,861	15,908
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	7,757	7,757	100.00	No Data	No Data	271,336	271,336	100.00	No Data	No Data	25	---	872	---
	State & Private	8,940	8,676	97.05	264	2.95	355,800	347,765	97.74	8,035	2.26	40	6	1,614	193
	TOTAL	16,697	16,433	98.42	264	1.58	627,136	619,101	98.72	8,035	1.28	31	6	1,176	193
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	4,738	4,738	100.00	No Data	No Data	130,305	130,305	100.00	No Data	No Data	14	No Data	386	No Data
	State & Private	12,586	12,586	100.00	No Data	No Data	200,587	200,587	100.00	No Data	No Data	157	No Data	2,499	No Data
	TOTAL	17,324	17,324	100.00	No Data	No Data	330,892	330,892	100.00	No Data	No Data	41	No Data	792	No Data
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	1,102	1,102	100.00	---	---	68,631	68,631	100.00	---	---	95	---	5,940	---
	State & Private	29,165	23,697	81.25	5,468	18.75	349,776	298,508	85.34	51,268	14.66	223	431	2,808	4,037
	TOTAL	30,267	24,799	81.93	5,468	18.07	418,407	367,139	87.75	51,268	12.25	210	431	3,115	4,037
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	2,123	2,123	100.00	---	---	47,612	47,612	100.00	---	---	123	---	707	---
	State & Private	132,882	89,750	67.54	43,132	32.46	3,521,187	1,123,062	31.89	2,398,125	68.11	366	1,435	4,577	79,773
	TOTAL	135,005	91,873	68.05	43,132	31.95	3,568,799	1,170,674	32.80	2,398,125	67.20	350	1,435	1,617	79,773
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	80	80	100.00	---	---	905	905	100.00	---	---	29	---	326	---
	State & Private	42,326	22,326	52.75	20,000	47.25	163,787	148,787	90.85	15,000	9.16	249	5,328	1,824	3,996
	TOTAL	42,406	22,406	52.84	20,000	47.16	164,692	149,692	90.89	15,000	9.11	242	5,328	1,617	3,996
ALABAMA	Federal	113	113	100.00	---	---	974	974	100.00	---	---	163	---	1,403	---
	State & Private	7,609	7,609	100.00	---	---	151,668	151,668	100.00	---	---	304	---	6,060	---
	TOTAL	7,722	7,722	100.00	---	---	152,642	152,642	100.00	---	---	300	---	5,934	---
ALASKA	Federal	213	213	100.00	No Data	No Data	55,543	55,543	100.00	No Data	No Data	1	No Data	221	No Data
	State & Private	252	252	100.00	No Data	No Data	1,517	1,517	100.00	No Data	No Data	14	No Data	100	No Data
	Total	465	465	100.00	No Data	No Data	57,060	57,060	100.00	No Data	No Data	2	No Data	212	No Data
ARIZONA	Federal	2,427	2,427	100.00	---	---	31,382	31,382	100.00	---	---	52	---	677	---
	State & Private	133	133	100.00	---	---	4,698	4,698	100.00	---	---	7	---	256	---
	TOTAL	2,560	2,560	100.00	---	---	36,080	36,080	100.00	---	---	40	---	558	---
ARKANSAS	Federal	230	230	100.00	---	---	1,771	1,771	100.00	---	---	86	---	662	---
	State & Private	4,924	4,924	100.00	---	---	86,628	86,628	100.00	---	---	238	---	4,185	---
	TOTAL	5,154	5,154	100.00	---	---	88,399	88,399	100.00	---	---	220	---	3,782	---
CALIFORNIA	Federal	2,957	2,957	100.00	---	---	43,075	43,075	100.00	---	---	75	---	1,038	---
	State & Private	10,549	10,549	100.00	---	---	175,044	175,044	100.00	---	---	317	---	5,259	---
	TOTAL	13,506	13,506	100.00	---	---	218,119	218,119	100.00	---	---	185	---	2,992	---
COLORADO	Federal	820	820	100.00	---	---	5,363	5,363	100.00	---	---	34	---	223	---
	State & Private	569	569	100.00	---	---	4,509	4,509	100.00	---	---	60	---	476	---
	TOTAL	1,389	1,389	100.00	---	---	9,872	9,872	100.00	---	---	41	---	294	---
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	1,103	1,103	100.00	---	---	3,031	3,031	100.00	---	---	462	---	1,268	---
	TOTAL	1,103	1,103	100.00	---	---	3,031	3,031	100.00	---	---	462	---	1,268	---
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	63	63	100.00	---	---	325	325	100.00	---	---	113	---	583	---
	TOTAL	63	63	100.00	---	---	325	325	100.00	---	---	113	---	583	---
FLORIDA	Federal	165	165	100.00	---	---	14,383	14,383	100.00	---	---	80	---	6,938	---
	State & Private	8,680	8,680	100.00	---	---	140,380	140,380	100.00	---	---	331	---	5,349	---
	TOTAL	8,845	8,845	100.00	---	---	154,763	154,763	100.00	---	---	312	---	5,466	---

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED			
		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		Fires Per MM Acres Protected	Fires Per MM Acres Unprotected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Protected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Unprotected
		Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	No. Fires	No. Fires	No. Acres	No. Acres
GEORGIA	Federal	225	225	100.00	---	---	2,681	2,681	100.00	---	---	172	---	2,047	---
	State & Private	13,714	13,714	100.00	---	---	58,035	58,035	100.00	---	---	503	---	2,127	---
	TOTAL	13,939	13,939	100.00	---	---	60,716	60,716	100.00	---	---	488	---	2,124	---
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED													
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	3	3	100.00	---	---	35	35	100.00	---	---	18	---	207	---
	State & Private	63	63	100.00	---	---	7,881	7,881	100.00	---	---	19	---	2,384	---
	TOTAL	66	66	100.00	---	---	7,916	7,916	100.00	---	---	19	---	2,278	---
IDAHO	Federal	750	750	100.00	---	---	160,365	160,365	100.00	---	---	23	---	4,825	---
	State & Private	482	410	85.06	72	14.94	22,603	17,003	75.22	5,600	24.78	58	13	2,386	1,025
	TOTAL	1,232	1,160	94.16	72	5.84	182,968	177,368	96.94	5,600	3.06	29	13	4,394	1,025
ILLINOIS	Federal	31	31	100.00	---	---	191	191	100.00	---	---	121	---	746	---
	State & Private	348	348	100.00	---	---	6,460	6,460	100.00	---	---	41	---	764	---
	TOTAL	379	379	100.00	---	---	6,651	6,651	100.00	---	---	44	---	764	---
INDIANA	Federal	37	37	100.00	---	---	285	285	100.00	---	---	196	---	1,508	---
	State & Private	487	487	100.00	---	---	6,827	6,827	100.00	---	---	66	---	932	---
	TOTAL	524	524	100.00	---	---	7,112	7,112	100.00	---	---	70	---	946	---
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	7,990	7,990	100.00	---	---	32,770	32,770	100.00	---	---	10	---	4,303	---
	TOTAL	7,990	7,990	100.00	---	---	32,770	32,770	100.00	---	---	1,049	---	4,303	---
KANSAS	Federal	6	6	100.00	---	---	1	1	100.00	---	---	38	---	6	---
	State & Private	2,411	2,411	100.00	---	---	195,235	195,235	100.00	---	---	122	---	9,864	---
	TOTAL	2,417	2,417	100.00	---	---	195,236	195,236	100.00	---	---	121	---	9,785	---
KENTUCKY	Federal	104	104	100.00	---	---	992	992	100.00	---	---	145	---	1,384	---
	State & Private	4,185	4,185	100.00	---	---	123,739	123,739	100.00	---	---	248	---	7,328	---
	TOTAL	4,289	4,289	100.00	---	---	124,731	124,731	100.00	---	---	244	---	7,086	---
LOUISIANA	Federal	226	226	100.00	---	---	4,466	4,466	100.00	---	---	266	---	5,248	---
	State & Private	8,203	8,203	100.00	---	---	83,278	83,278	100.00	---	---	392	---	3,977	---
	TOTAL	8,429	8,429	100.00	---	---	87,744	87,744	100.00	---	---	387	---	4,027	---
MAINE	Federal	3	3	100.00	---	---	3	3	100.00	---	---	25	---	25	---
	State & Private	728	728	100.00	---	---	6,377	6,377	100.00	---	---	41	---	359	---
	TOTAL	731	731	100.00	---	---	6,380	6,380	100.00	---	---	41	---	357	---
MARYLAND	Federal	5	5	100.00	---	---	44	44	100.00	---	---	263	---	2,316	---
	State & Private	908	908	100.00	---	---	3,555	3,555	100.00	---	---	245	---	961	---
	TOTAL	913	913	100.00	---	---	3,599	3,599	100.00	---	---	245	---	968	---
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	7	7	100.00	---	---	22	22	100.00	---	---	123	---	386	---
	State & Private	9,942	9,942	100.00	---	---	9,693	9,693	100.00	---	---	2,776	---	2,707	---
	TOTAL	9,949	9,949	100.00	---	---	9,715	9,715	100.00	---	---	2,735	---	2,670	---
MICHIGAN	Federal	148	148	100.00	---	---	57,215	57,215	100.00	---	---	44	---	16,993	---
	State & Private	1,341	1,341	100.00	---	---	25,470	25,470	100.00	---	---	68	---	1,295	---
	TOTAL	1,489	1,489	100.00	---	---	82,685	82,685	100.00	---	---	65	---	3,588	---

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.

TABLE 2. -- SUMMARY OF FIRES AND ACRES BURNED -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976 ON PROTECTED FEDERAL, AND STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS (Continued)

GROUPS 1/ OF	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED			
		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		Fires Per MM Acres Protected	Fires Per MM Acres Unprotected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Protected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Unprotected
		Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	No. Fires	No. Fires	No. Acres	No. Acres
MINNESOTA	Federal	371	371	100.00	---	---	6,933	6,933	100.00	---	---	90	---	1,688	---
	State & Private	3,383	3,383	100.00	---	---	150,018	150,018	100.00	---	---	148	---	6,571	---
	TOTAL	3,754	3,754	100.00	---	---	156,951	156,951	100.00	---	---	139	---	5,827	---
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	263	263	100.00	---	---	3,077	3,077	100.00	---	---	208	---	2,430	---
	State & Private	9,131	9,033	98.93	98	1.07	110,874	109,389	98.66	1,485	1.34	455	602	5,509	9,127
	TOTAL	9,394	9,296	98.96	98	1.04	113,951	112,466	98.70	1,485	1.30	440	601	5,324	9,110
MISSOURI	Federal	412	412	100.00	---	---	3,476	3,476	100.00	---	---	264	---	2,225	---
	State & Private	10,783	5,783	53.63	5,000	46.37	96,364	46,364	48.11	50,000	51.89	368	619	2,954	6,187
	TOTAL	11,195	6,195	55.34	5,000	44.66	99,840	49,840	49.92	50,000	50.08	359	619	2,888	6,187
MONTANA	Federal	666	666	100.00	---	---	8,224	8,224	100.00	---	---	19	---	236	---
	State & Private	423	273	64.54	150	35.46	3,183	1,683	52.87	1,500	47.13	15	5	92	46
	TOTAL	1,089	939	86.23	150	13.77	11,407	9,907	86.85	1,500	13.15	18	29	186	46
NEBRASKA	Federal	43	43	100.00	---	---	2,703	2,703	100.00	---	---	57	---	3,557	---
	State & Private	2,687	2,687	100.00	---	---	21,694	21,694	100.00	---	---	99	---	799	---
	TOTAL	2,730	2,730	100.00	---	---	24,397	24,397	100.00	---	---	98	---	874	---
NEVADA	Federal	242	242	100.00	---	---	8,753	8,753	100.00	---	---	4	---	149	---
	State & Private	242	242	100.00	---	---	3,447	3,447	100.00	---	---	28	---	393	---
	TOTAL	484	484	100.00	---	---	12,200	12,200	100.00	---	---	7	---	181	---
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	2	2	100.00	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---	---
	State & Private	759	759	100.00	---	---	330	330	100.00	---	---	164	---	71	---
	TOTAL	761	761	100.00	---	---	330	330	100.00	---	---	143	---	62	---
NEW JERSEY	Federal	6	6	100.00	---	---	301	301	100.00	---	---	80	---	4,013	---
	State & Private	2,510	2,510	100.00	---	---	13,819	13,819	100.00	---	---	928	---	5,109	---
	TOTAL	2,516	2,516	100.00	---	---	14,120	14,120	100.00	---	---	905	---	5,079	---
NEW MEXICO	Federal	1,150	1,150	100.00	---	---	12,557	12,557	100.00	---	---	39	---	422	---
	State & Private	201	201	100.00	---	---	22,560	22,560	100.00	---	---	5	---	561	---
	TOTAL	1,351	1,351	100.00	---	---	35,117	35,117	100.00	---	---	19	---	502	---
NEW YORK	Federal	21	21	100.00	---	---	86	86	100.00	---	---	382	---	1,564	---
	State & Private	20,509	509	2.48	20,000	97.52	21,260	6,260	29.44	15,000	70.56	30	5,328	369	3,996
	TOTAL	20,530	530	2.58	20,000	97.42	21,346	6,346	29.73	15,000	70.27	31	5,328	373	3,996
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	186	186	100.00	---	---	10,390	10,390	100.00	---	---	112	---	6,263	---
	State & Private	6,675	5,941	89.00	734	11.00	79,625	71,285	89.53	8,340	10.47	285	1,838	3,424	20,883
	TOTAL	6,861	6,127	89.30	734	10.70	90,015	81,675	90.73	8,340	9.27	273	1,835	3,634	20,850
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	175	175	100.00	---	---	7,632	7,632	100.00	---	---	43	---	1,859	---
	State & Private	28	18	64.29	10	35.71	948	648	68.35	300	31.65	79	78	2,842	2,344
	TOTAL	203	193	95.07	10	4.93	8,580	8,280	96.50	300	3.50	45	78	1,911	2,344
OHIO	Federal	41	41	100.00	---	---	296	296	100.00	---	---	246	---	1,772	---
	State & Private	692	224	32.37	468	67.63	1,991	723	36.31	1,268	63.69	38	101	124	275
	TOTAL	733	265	36.15	468	63.85	2,287	1,019	44.56	1,268	55.44	44	101	170	275
OKLAHOMA	Federal	66	66	100.00	---	---	1,474	1,474	100.00	---	---	149	---	3,327	---
	State & Private	11,646	2,346	20.14	9,300	79.86	291,462	86,462	29.66	205,000	70.34	469	405	17,268	8,922
	TOTAL	11,712	2,412	20.59	9,300	79.41	292,936	87,936	30.02	205,000	69.98	443	405	16,135	8,926

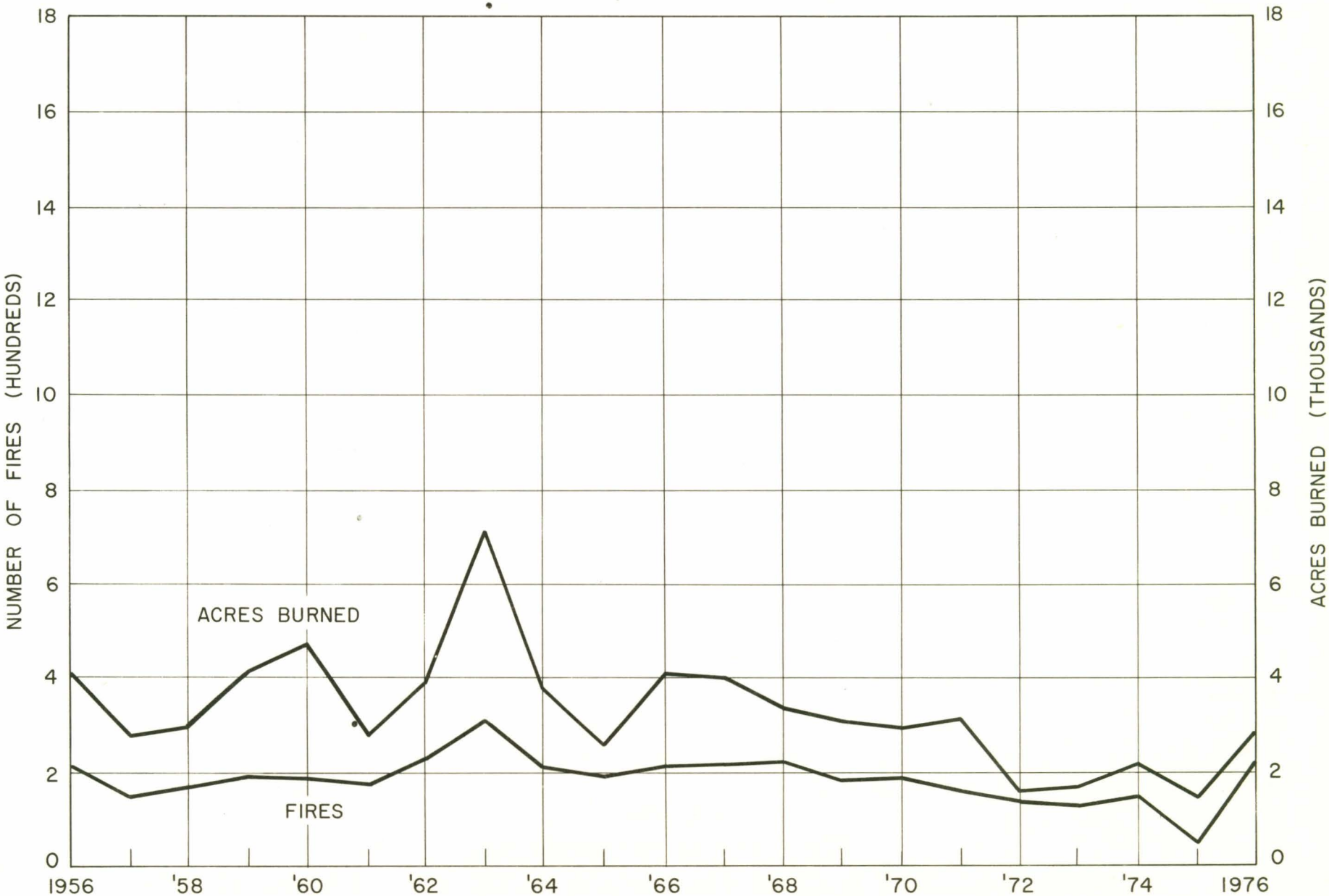
GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES					AREA BURNED					FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED			
		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		TOTAL	Protected Area		Unprotected Area		Fires Per MM Acres Protected	Fires Per MM Acres Unprotected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Protected	Acres Burned Per MM Acres Unprotected
		Number	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Acres	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	No. Fires	No. Fires	No. Acres	No. Acres
OREGON	Federal	1,157	1,157	100.00	---	---	6,408	6,408	100.00	---	---	35		196	---
	State & Private	951	951	100.00	No Data	No Data	3,401	3,401	100.00	No Data	No Data	73	No Data	261	No Data
	TOTAL	2,108	2,108	100.00	No Data	No Data	9,809	9,809	100.00	No Data	No Data	46	No Data	214	No Data
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	16	16	100.00	---	---	87	87	100.00	---	---	29	---	160	---
	State & Private	1,781	1,781	100.00	---	---	14,853	14,853	100.00	---	---	91	---	760	---
	TOTAL	1,797	1,797	100.00	---	---	14,940	14,940	100.00	---	---	89	---	744	---
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	879	879	100.00	---	---	1,405	1,405	100.00	---	---	1,717	---	2,744	---
	TOTAL	879	879	100.00	---	---	1,405	1,405	100.00	---	---	1,717	---	2,744	---
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	112	112	100.00	---	---	1,899	1,899	100.00	---	---	145	---	2,457	---
	State & Private	9,951	9,951	100.00	---	---	82,199	82,199	100.00	---	---	749	---	6,185	---
	TOTAL	10,063	10,063	100.00	---	---	84,098	84,098	100.00	---	---	716	---	5,981	---
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	488	488	100.00	---	---	10,849	10,849	100.00	---	---	34	---	764	---
	State & Private	582	582	100.00	---	---	9,130	9,130	100.00	---	---	23	---	354	---
	TOTAL	1,070	1,070	100.00	---	---	19,979	19,979	100.00	---	---	27	---	499	---
TENNESSEE	Federal	231	231	100.00	---	---	2,229	2,229	100.00	---	---	243	---	2,341	---
	State & Private	5,859	5,859	100.00	No Data	No Data	62,122	62,122	100.00	No Data	No Data	470	---	4,979	No Data
	TOTAL	6,090	6,090	100.00	No Data	No Data	64,351	64,351	100.00	No Data	No Data	453	No Data	4,792	No Data
TEXAS	Federal	67	67	100.00	---	---	1,719	1,719	100.00	---	---	34	---	877	---
	State & Private	36,763	3,763	10.24	33,000	89.76	2,237,318	54,018	2.41	2,183,300	97.59	206	5,133	2,962	339,602
	TOTAL	36,830	3,830	10.40	33,000	89.60	2,239,037	55,737	2.49	2,183,300	97.51	190	5,133	2,759	339,602
UTAH	Federal	641	641	100.00	---	---	16,488	16,488	100.00	---	---	19	---	485	---
	State & Private	593	593	100.00	---	---	52,998	52,998	100.00	---	---	40	---	3,599	---
	TOTAL	1,234	1,234	100.00	---	---	69,486	69,486	100.00	---	---	25	---	1,426	---
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	180	180	100.00	---	---	1,134	1,134	100.00	---	---	39	---	245	---
	TOTAL	180	180	100.00	---	---	1,134	1,134	100.00	---	---	37	---	231	---
VIRGINIA	Federal	135	135	100.00	---	---	1,557	1,557	100.00	---	---	70	---	810	---
	State & Private	5,542	5,542	100.00	---	---	13,859	13,859	100.00	---	---	298	---	745	---
	TOTAL	5,677	5,677	100.00	---	---	15,416	15,416	100.00	---	---	277	---	751	---
WASHINGTON	Federal	408	408	100.00	No Data	No Data	25,244	25,244	100.00	No Data	No Data	29	No Data	1,792	No Data
	State & Private	771	771	100.00	---	---	12,744	12,744	100.00	---	---	62	---	1,019	---
	TOTAL	1,179	1,179	100.00	No Data	No Data	37,988	37,988	100.00	No Data	No Data	44	No Data	1,428	No Data
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	20	20	100.00	---	---	362	362	100.00	---	---	21	---	377	---
	State & Private	2,964	2,964	100.00	---	---	88,005	88,005	100.00	---	---	231	---	6,858	---
	TOTAL	2,984	2,984	100.00	---	---	88,367	88,367	100.00	---	---	216	---	6,406	---
WISCONSIN	Federal	62	62	100.00	---	---	235	235	100.00	---	---	33	---	124	---
	State & Private	4,141	4,141	100.00	---	---	29,876	29,876	100.00	---	---	219	---	1,581	---
	TOTAL	4,203	4,203	100.00	---	---	30,111	30,111	100.00	---	---	202	---	1,448	---
WYOMING	Federal	349	349	100.00	---	---	7,019	7,019	100.00	---	---	11	---	228	---
	State & Private	589	557	94.57	32	5.43	14,795	14,160	95.71	635	4.29	22	9	554	178
	TOTAL	938	906	96.59	32	3.41	21,814	21,179	97.09	635	2.91	16	9	376	178

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.

NUMBER OF FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED

STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS ONLY

CY 1956-1976



NUMBER OF FIRES AND ACRES BURNED PER MILLION ACRES PROTECTED

STATE, PRIVATE AND FEDERAL LANDS

CY 1956-1976

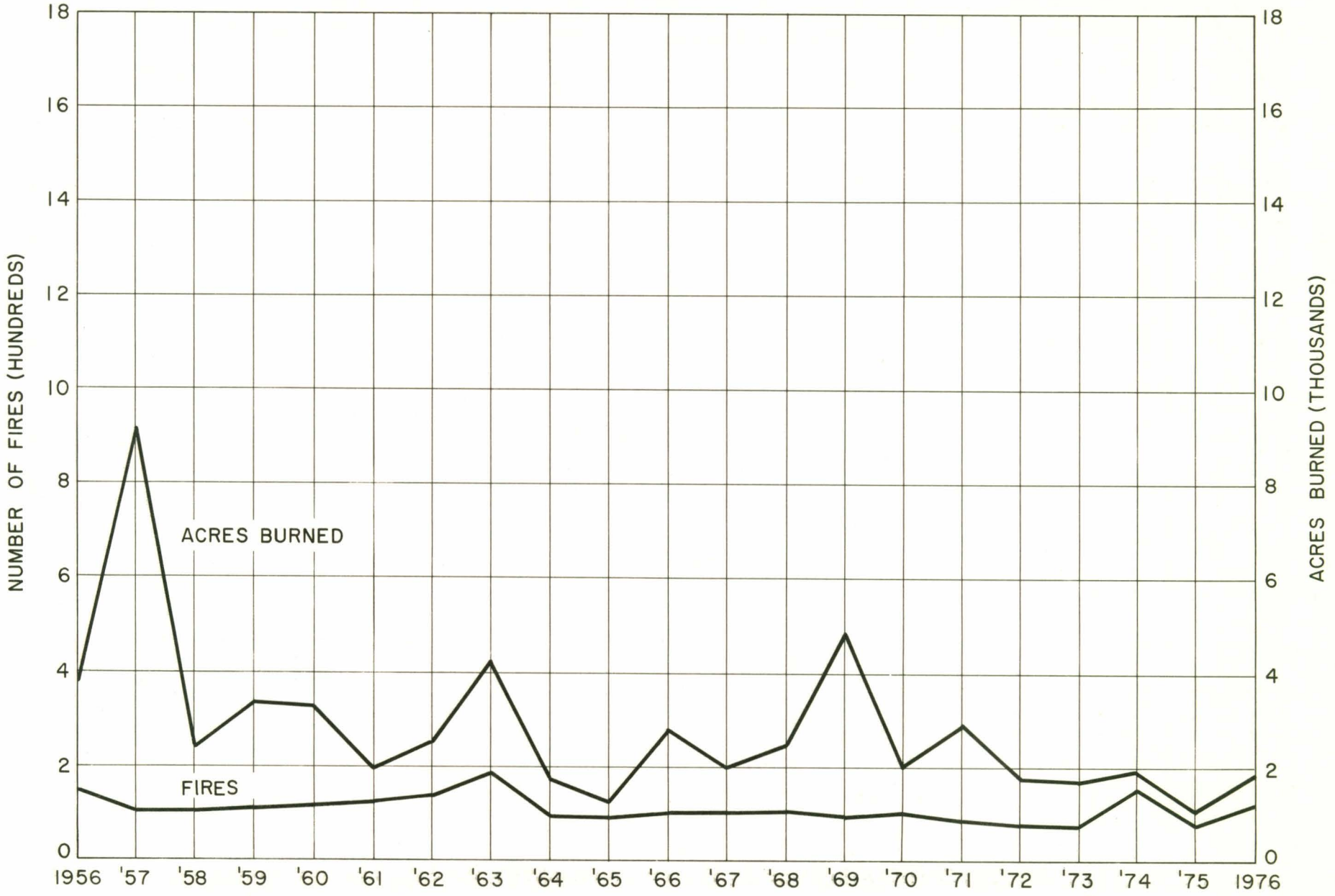


TABLE 3. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	MAN-CAUSED	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		No. of Fires	Percent of Total
UNITED STATES	Federal	7,985	1,815	810	673	2,288	419	133	487	1,190	15,800	7,815	49.46
	State & Private	3,742	3,240	16,858	38,255	49,038	7,296	10,653	13,935	14,018	157,035	153,293	97.62
	TOTAL	11,727	5,055	17,668	38,928	51,326	7,715	10,786	14,422	15,208	172,835	161,108	93.21
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	4,964	901	364	357	197	163	39	266	506	7,757	2,793	36.01
	State & Private	1,268	217	537	1,923	250	798	1,708	296	1,679	8,676	7,408	85.38
	TOTAL	6,232	1,118	901	2,280	447	961	1,747	562	2,185	16,433	10,201	62.08
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	2,769	728	255	192	247	153	28	73	293	4,738	1,969	41.56
	State & Private	1,094	813	921	1,444	1,900	1,651	258	1,573	2,932	12,586	11,492	91.31
	TOTAL	3,863	1,541	1,176	1,636	2,147	1,804	286	1,646	3,225	17,324	13,461	77.70
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	101	121	88	48	461	45	22	111	105	1,102	1,001	90.83
	State & Private	246	653	2,401	7,621	3,819	2,063	4,154	823	1,917	23,697	23,451	98.96
	TOTAL	347	774	2,489	7,669	4,280	2,108	4,176	934	2,022	24,799	24,452	98.60
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	144	57	98	69	1,367	56	43	34	255	2,123	1,979	93.22
	State & Private	1,039	1,019	11,015	24,800	37,032	2,325	3,427	4,944	4,149	89,750	88,711	98.84
	TOTAL	1,183	1,076	11,113	24,869	38,399	2,381	3,470	4,978	4,404	91,873	90,690	98.71
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	7	8	5	7	16	2	1	3	31	80	73	91.25
	State & Private	95	538	1,984	2,467	6,037	459	1,106	6,299	3,341	22,326	22,231	99.57
	TOTAL	102	546	1,989	2,474	6,053	461	1,107	6,302	3,372	22,406	22,304	99.54
STATES													
ALABAMA	Federal	7	2	10	2	79	1	---	1	11	113	106	93.81
	State & Private	24	29	936	1,758	3,966	163	203	225	305	7,609	7,585	99.68
	TOTAL	31	31	946	1,760	4,045	164	203	226	316	7,722	7,691	99.60
ALASKA	Federal	156	31	---	10	4	1	1	1	9	213	57	26.76
	State & Private	13	37	15	56	13	12	2	18	86	252	239	94.84
	TOTAL	169	68	15	66	17	13	3	19	95	465	296	63.66
ARIZONA	Federal	1,732	368	112	29	39	52	3	49	43	2,427	695	28.64
	State & Private	49	15	17	10	4	5	2	18	13	133	84	63.16
	TOTAL	1,781	383	129	39	43	57	5	67	56	2,560	779	30.43
ARKANSAS	Federal	39	8	16	10	117	5	1	---	34	230	191	83.04
	State & Private	36	98	809	1,125	1,971	93	289	137	366	4,924	4,888	99.27
	TOTAL	75	106	825	1,135	2,088	98	290	137	400	5,154	5,079	98.54
CALIFORNIA	Federal	1,882	300	139	77	220	89	23	50	177	2,957	1,075	36.35
	State & Private	738	527	703	1,055	1,793	1,582	207	1,371	2,573	10,549	9,811	93.00
	TOTAL	2,620	827	842	1,132	2,013	1,671	230	1,421	2,750	13,506	10,886	80.60
COLORADO	Federal	594	94	39	11	10	10	8	40	14	820	226	27.56
	State & Private	110	48	30	104	9	10	65	55	138	569	459	80.67
	TOTAL	704	142	69	115	19	20	73	95	152	1,389	685	49.32
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	50	71	112	378	31	23	415	23	1,103	1,103	100.00
	TOTAL	---	50	71	112	378	31	23	415	23	1,103	1,103	100.00
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	1	4	27	12	1	12	5	1	63	63	100.00
	TOTAL	---	1	4	27	12	1	12	5	1	63	63	100.00
FLORIDA	Federal	47	5	7	7	51	15	3	---	30	165	118	71.52
	State & Private	663	118	1,363	1,951	2,578	375	373	983	276	8,680	8,017	92.36
	TOTAL	710	123	1,370	1,958	2,629	390	376	983	306	8,845	8,135	91.97

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	MAN-CAUSED	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		No. of Fires	Percent of Total
GEORGIA	Federal	3	5	3	2	186	3	1	2	20	225	222	98.67
	State & Private	141	110	1,705	4,604	4,224	428	789	1,005	708	13,714	13,573	98.97
	TOTAL	144	115	1,708	4,606	4,410	431	790	1,007	728	13,939	13,795	98.97
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED											
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	---	---	2	1	---	---	---	---	---	3	3	100.00
	State & Private	---	---	16	17	4	4	---	1	21	63	63	100.00
	TOTAL	---	---	18	18	4	4	---	1	21	66	66	100.00
IDAHO	Federal	481	89	23	50	19	22	2	9	55	750	269	35.87
	State & Private	171	28	22	40	15	32	23	30	49	410	239	58.29
	TOTAL	652	117	45	90	34	54	25	39	104	1,160	508	43.79
ILLINOIS	Federal	---	1	2	3	16	2	2	---	5	31	31	100.00
	State & Private	---	6	37	203	64	7	14	---	17	348	348	100.00
	TOTAL	---	7	39	206	80	9	16	---	22	379	379	100.00
INDIANA	Federal	1	4	1	5	8	---	8	1	9	37	36	97.30
	State & Private	---	10	36	253	66	13	30	15	64	487	487	100.00
	TOTAL	1	14	37	258	74	13	38	16	73	524	523	99.81
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	80	959	2,876	320	879	2,237	160	479	7,990	7,990	100.00
	TOTAL	---	80	959	2,876	320	879	2,237	160	479	7,990	7,990	100.00
KANSAS	Federal	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1	4	6	6	100.00
	State & Private	76	10	139	624	70	307	467	25	693	2,411	2,335	96.85
	TOTAL	76	10	140	624	70	307	467	26	697	2,417	2,341	96.86
KENTUCKY	Federal	2	4	7	2	75	2	7	1	4	104	102	98.08
	State & Private	3	174	940	1,277	967	68	127	183	446	4,185	4,182	99.93
	TOTAL	5	178	947	1,279	1,042	70	134	184	450	4,289	4,284	99.88
LOUISIANA	Federal	1	9	1	5	148	1	3	---	58	226	225	99.56
	State & Private	7	61	330	918	6,710	33	70	21	53	8,203	8,196	99.91
	TOTAL	8	70	331	923	6,858	34	73	21	111	8,429	8,421	99.91
MAINE	Federal	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
	State & Private	42	18	65	163	193	47	45	113	42	728	686	94.23
	TOTAL	45	18	65	163	193	47	45	113	42	731	686	93.84
MARYLAND	Federal	---	1	---	---	1	---	1	---	2	5	5	100.00
	State & Private	---	28	93	133	198	---	74	270	112	908	908	100.00
	TOTAL	---	29	93	133	199	---	75	270	114	913	913	100.00
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	---	---	2	---	3	---	---	1	1	7	7	100.00
	State & Private	5	145	324	596	1,737	78	318	4,141	2,598	9,942	9,937	99.95
	TOTAL	5	145	326	596	1,740	78	318	4,142	2,599	9,949	9,944	99.95
MICHIGAN	Federal	18	33	27	3	16	12	6	3	30	148	130	87.84
	State & Private	99	159	258	296	131	103	89	105	101	1,341	1,242	92.62
	TOTAL	117	192	285	299	147	115	95	108	131	1,489	1,372	92.14

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.
2/ See page 56 for Fire Cause definitions.

TABLE 3. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	Man-Caused	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		No. of Fires	Percent of Total
MINNESOTA	Federal	72	49	32	35	42	7	3	100	31	371	299	80.59
	State & Private	53	140	273	702	986	452	287	183	307	3,383	3,330	98.43
	TOTAL	125	189	305	737	1,028	459	290	283	338	3,754	3,629	96.67
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	---	6	5	14	204	11	2	3	18	263	263	100.00
	State & Private	15	32	756	2,211	5,479	73	54	146	267	9,033	9,018	99.83
	TOTAL	15	38	761	2,225	5,683	84	56	149	285	9,296	9,281	99.84
MISSOURI	Federal	6	22	14	1	330	19	2	4	14	412	406	98.54
	State & Private	17	82	374	2,714	1,673	138	340	66	379	5,783	5,766	99.71
	TOTAL	23	104	388	2,715	2,003	157	342	70	393	6,195	6,172	99.63
MONTANA	Federal	358	85	53	87	10	9	5	16	43	666	308	46.25
	State & Private	163	23	9	34	5	6	9	10	14	273	110	40.29
	TOTAL	521	108	62	121	15	15	14	26	57	939	418	44.52
NEBRASKA	Federal	8	2	5	9	4	---	1	12	2	43	35	81.40
	State & Private	173	9	170	798	34	278	763	50	412	2,687	2,514	93.56
	TOTAL	181	11	175	807	38	278	764	62	414	2,730	2,549	93.37
NEVADA	Federal	148	9	7	8	19	3	7	5	36	242	94	38.84
	State & Private	44	22	6	21	20	11	50	11	57	242	198	81.82
	TOTAL	192	31	13	29	39	14	57	16	93	484	292	60.33
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---
	State & Private	5	45	127	97	42	31	34	268	110	759	754	99.34
	TOTAL	7	45	127	97	42	31	34	268	110	761	754	99.08
NEW JERSEY	Federal	---	---	---	---	1	---	---	---	5	6	6	100.00
	State & Private	3	89	768	14	1,194	8	6	395	33	2,510	2,507	99.88
	TOTAL	3	89	768	14	1,195	8	6	395	38	2,516	2,513	99.88
NEW MEXICO	Federal	890	68	39	41	32	14	---	16	50	1,150	260	22.61
	State & Private	107	7	17	30	1	19	3	4	13	201	94	46.77
	TOTAL	997	75	56	71	33	33	3	20	63	1,351	354	26.20
NEW YORK	Federal	---	---	1	2	---	---	---	2	16	21	21	100.00
	State & Private	7	50	74	97	96	13	29	91	52	509	502	98.62
	TOTAL	7	50	75	99	96	13	29	93	68	530	523	98.68
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	8	5	11	9	115	3	7	4	24	186	178	95.70
	State & Private	26	59	731	2,002	1,691	233	342	445	412	5,941	5,915	99.56
	TOTAL	34	64	742	2,011	1,806	236	349	449	436	6,127	6,093	99.45
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	13	2	4	39	26	11	6	30	44	175	162	92.57
	State & Private	---	1	7	8	1	---	---	1	---	18	18	100.00
	TOTAL	13	3	11	47	27	11	6	31	44	193	180	93.26
OHIO	Federal	---	---	2	---	35	---	---	2	2	41	41	100.00
	State & Private	1	5	33	72	43	5	14	6	45	224	223	99.55
	TOTAL	1	5	35	72	78	5	14	8	47	265	264	99.62
OKLAHOMA	Federal	12	1	5	2	27	6	2	1	10	66	54	81.82
	State & Private	13	17	115	662	1,262	53	90	20	114	2,346	2,333	99.45
	TOTAL	25	18	120	664	1,289	59	92	21	124	2,412	2,387	98.96

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	MAN-CAUSED	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		No. of Fires	Percent of Total
OREGON	Federal	659	226	65	64	11	44	3	15	70	1,157	498	43.04
	State & Private	260	115	112	161	37	6	24	96	140	951	691	72.66
	TOTAL	919	341	177	225	48	50	27	111	210	2,108	1,189	56.40
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	---	3	---	3	3	1	---	---	6	16	16	100.00
	State & Private	7	43	141	361	604	84	282	181	78	1,781	1,774	99.61
	TOTAL	7	46	141	364	607	85	282	181	84	1,797	1,790	99.61
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	26	43	81	461	28	21	199	20	879	879	100.00
	TOTAL	---	26	43	81	461	28	21	199	20	879	879	100.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	1	---	11	---	74	3	8	4	11	112	111	99.11
	State & Private	17	59	1,437	2,322	4,626	271	375	624	220	9,951	9,934	99.83
	TOTAL	18	59	1,448	2,322	4,700	274	383	628	231	10,063	10,045	99.82
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	142	15	30	63	5	25	4	60	144	488	346	70.90
	State & Private	95	12	24	96	17	79	152	26	81	582	487	83.68
	TOTAL	237	27	54	159	22	104	156	86	225	1,070	833	77.85
TENNESSEE	Federal	8	1	9	9	198	1	1	2	2	231	223	96.54
	State & Privzte	3	76	392	2,358	2,427	108	189	98	208	5,859	5,856	99.95
	TOTAL	11	77	401	2,367	2,625	109	190	100	210	6,090	6,079	99.82
TEXAS	Federal	4	6	3	3	35	1	---	4	11	67	63	94.03
	State & Private	38	126	327	2,210	433	104	216	87	222	3,763	3,725	98.99
	TOTAL	42	132	330	2,213	468	105	216	91	233	3,830	3,788	98.90
UTAH	Federal	421	109	35	11	9	6	1	12	37	641	220	34.32
	State & Private	149	28	38	39	57	35	66	41	140	593	444	74.87
	TOTAL	570	137	73	50	66	41	67	53	177	1,234	664	53.81
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	8	11	62	22	10	2	29	36	180	180	100.00
	TOTAL	---	8	11	62	22	10	2	29	36	180	180	100.00
VIRGINIA	Federal	12	5	10	4	58	4	8	12	22	135	123	91.11
	State & Private	53	60	1,174	1,402	698	323	310	970	552	5,542	5,489	99.04
	TOTAL	65	65	1,184	1,406	756	327	318	982	574	5,677	5,612	98.86
WASHINGTON	Federal	72	171	49	40	12	19	1	7	37	408	336	82.35
	State & Private	83	134	75	155	53	47	25	87	112	771	688	89.23
	TOTAL	155	305	124	195	65	66	26	94	149	1,179	1,024	86.85
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	2	4	2	2	8	1	---	---	1	20	18	90.00
	State & Private	26	35	263	724	1,100	128	260	192	236	2,964	2,938	99.12
	TOTAL	28	39	265	726	1,108	129	260	192	237	2,984	2,956	99.06
WISCONSIN	Federal	4	12	10	1	14	5	1	1	14	62	58	93.55
	State & Private	76	171	431	505	536	466	1,143	288	525	4,141	4,065	98.16
	TOTAL	80	183	441	506	550	471	1,144	289	539	4,203	4,123	98.10
WYOMING	Federal	177	60	16	9	24	11	2	16	34	349	172	49.28
	State & Private	131	14	58	119	17	16	108	25	69	557	426	76.48
	TOTAL	308	74	74	128	41	27	110	41	103	906	598	66.00

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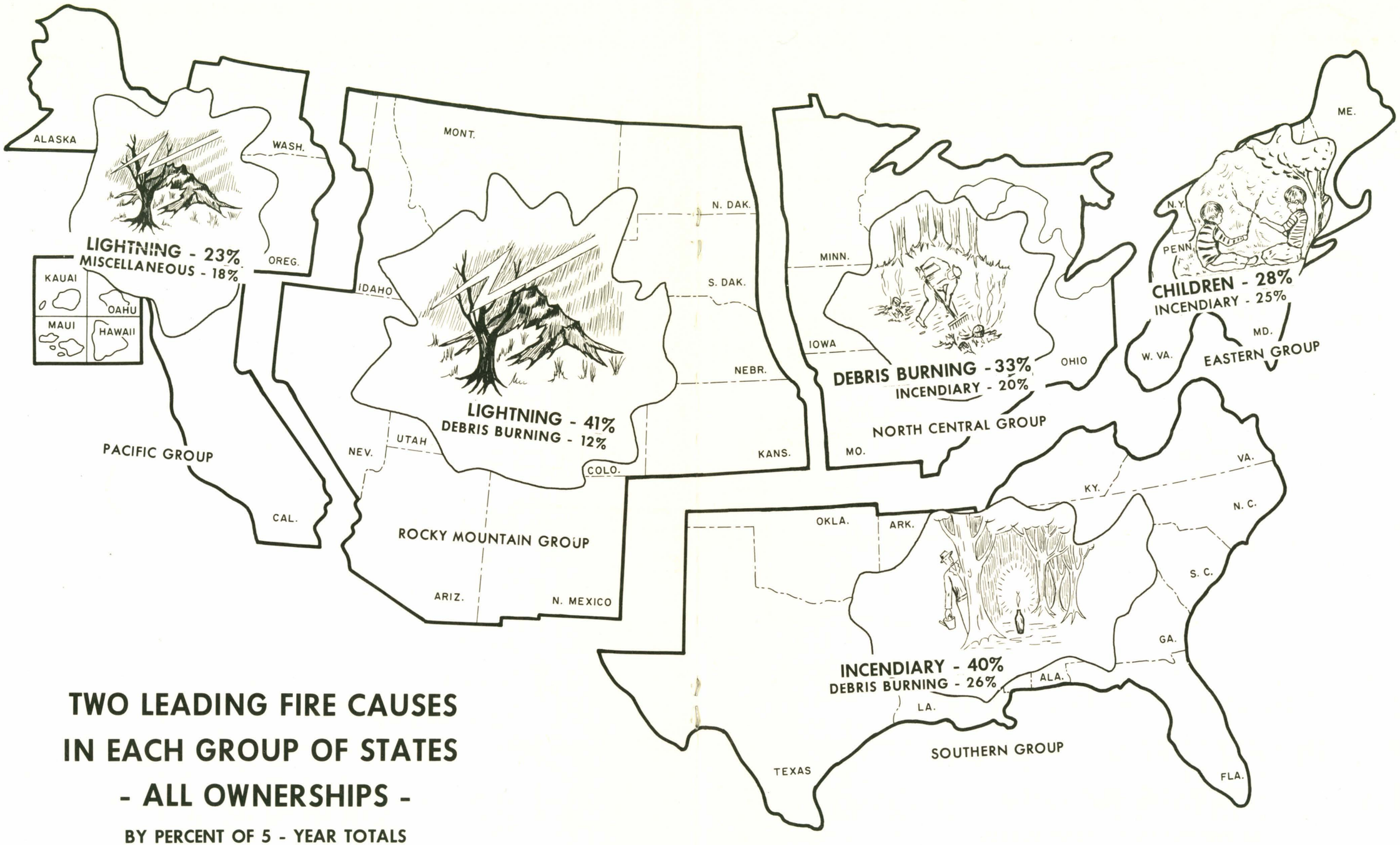

TWO LEADING FIRE CAUSES IN EACH GROUP OF STATES - ALL OWNERSHIPS -

BY PERCENT OF 5 - YEAR TOTALS

CY 1972 - 1976

TABLE 4. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY AREA TYPES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY AREA TYPES 2/						GRAND TOTAL
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Number Fires	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Number Fires	
UNITED STATES	Federal	7,592	5,359	12,951	81.97	2,849	18.03	15,800
	State & Private	108,395	6,225	114,620	72.99	42,415	27.01	157,035
	TOTAL	115,987	11,584	127,571	73.81	45,264	26.19	172,835
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	2,915	3,159	6,074	78.30	1,683	21.70	7,757
	State & Private	968	448	1,416	16.32	7,260	83.68	8,676
	TOTAL	3,883	3,607	7,490	45.58	8,943	54.42	16,433
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	2,036	1,768	3,804	80.29	934	19.71	4,738
	State & Private	2,106	3,148	5,254	41.74	7,332	58.26	12,586
	TOTAL	4,142	4,916	9,058	52.29	8,266	47.71	17,324
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	823	187	1,010	91.65	92	8.35	1,102
	State & Private	11,354	119	11,473	48.42	12,224	51.58	23,697
	TOTAL	12,177	306	12,483	50.34	12,316	49.66	24,799
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	1,785	227	2,012	94.77	111	5.23	2,123
	State & Private	74,208	1,788	75,996	84.68	13,754	15.32	89,750
	TOTAL	75,993	2,015	78,008	84.91	13,865	15.09	91,873
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	33	18	51	63.75	29	36.25	80
	State & Private	19,759	722	20,481	91.74	1,845	8.26	22,326
	TOTAL	19,792	740	20,532	91.64	1,874	8.36	22,406
STATES								
ALABAMA	Federal	108	1	109	96.46	4	3.54	113
	State & Private	6,838	208	7,046	92.60	563	7.40	7,609
	TOTAL	6,946	209	7,155	92.66	567	7.34	7,722
ALASKA	Federal	36	110	146	68.54	67	31.46	213
	State & Private	19	66	85	33.73	167	66.27	252
	TOTAL	55	176	231	49.68	234	50.32	465
ARIZONA	Federal	1,184	1,151	2,335	96.21	92	3.79	2,427
	State & Private	65	1	66	49.62	67	50.38	133
	TOTAL	1,249	1,152	2,401	93.79	159	6.21	2,560
ARKANSAS	Federal	222	5	227	98.70	3	1.30	230
	State & Private	4,104	---	4,104	83.35	820	16.65	4,924
	TOTAL	4,326	5	4,331	84.03	823	15.97	5,154
CALIFORNIA	Federal	696	1,607	2,303	77.88	654	22.12	2,957
	State & Private	782	2,966	3,748	35.53	6,801	64.47	10,549
	TOTAL	1,478	4,573	6,051	44.80	7,455	55.20	13,506
COLORADO	Federal	292	332	624	76.10	196	23.90	820
	State & Private	22	158	180	31.63	389	68.37	569
	TOTAL	314	490	804	57.88	585	42.12	1,389
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	684	---	684	62.01	419	37.99	1,103
	TOTAL	684	---	684	62.01	419	37.99	1,103
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	57	---	57	90.48	6	9.52	63
	TOTAL	57	---	57	90.48	6	9.52	63
FLORIDA	Federal	134	6	140	84.85	25	15.15	165
	State & Private	7,552	174	7,726	89.01	954	10.99	8,680
TOTAL	TOTAL	7,686	180	7,866	88.93	979	11.07	8,845

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY AREA TYPES 2/						GRAND TOTAL
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Number Fires	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Number Fires	
GEORGIA	Federal	203	18	221	98.22	4	1.78	225
	State & Private	11,388	---	11,388	83.04	2,326	16.96	13,714
	TOTAL	11,591	18	11,609	83.28	2,330	16.72	13,939
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED						
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	---	1	1	33.33	2	66.67	3
	State & Private	3	5	8	12.70	55	87.30	63
	TOTAL	3	6	9	13.64	57	86.36	66
IDAHO	Federal	458	113	571	76.13	179	23.87	750
	State & Private	264	42	306	74.63	104	25.37	410
	TOTAL	722	155	877	75.60	283	24.40	1,160
ILLINOIS	Federal	28	1	29	93.55	2	6.45	31
	State & Private	175	12	187	53.74	161	46.26	348
	TOTAL	203	13	216	56.99	163	43.01	379
INDIANA	Federal	18	9	27	72.97	10	27.03	37
	State & Private	486	---	486	99.79	1	0.21	487
	TOTAL	504	9	513	97.90	11	2.10	524
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	892	67	959	12.00	7,031	88.00	7,990
	TOTAL	892	67	959	12.00	7,031	88.00	7,990
KANSAS	Federal	---	6	6	100.00	---	---	6
	State & Private	74	1	74	3.07	2,337	96.93	2,411
	TOTAL	74	7	80	3.31	2,337	96.69	2,417
KENTUCKY	Federal	98	3	101	97.12	3	2.88	104
	State & Private	3,670	---	3,670	87.69	515	12.31	4,185
	TOTAL	3,768	3	3,771	87.92	518	12.08	4,289
LOUISIANA	Federal	199	17	216	95.58	10	4.42	226
	State & Private	8,203	---	8,203	100.00	---	---	8,203
	TOTAL	8,402	17	8,419	99.88	10	0.12	8,429
MAINE	Federal	1	2	3	100.00	---	---	3
	State & Private	391	127	518	71.15	210	28.85	728
	TOTAL	392	129	521	71.27	210	28.73	731
MARYLAND	Federal	---	3	3	60.00	2	40.00	5
	State & Private	908	---	908	100.00	---	---	908
	TOTAL	908	3	911	99.78	2	0.22	913
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	---	3	3	42.86	4	57.14	7
	State & Private	9,886	---	9,886	99.44	56	0.56	9,942
	TOTAL	9,886	3	9,889	99.40	60	0.60	9,949
MICHIGAN	Federal	118	15	133	89.86	15	10.14	148
	State & Private	1,143	---	1,143	85.23	198	14.77	1,341
	TOTAL	1,261	15	1,276	85.70	213	14.30	1,489

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.
2/ See page 56 for area type (Land Classification) definitions.

TABLE 4. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY AREA TYPES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY AREA TYPES 2/						GRAND TOTAL
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Number Fires	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Number Fires	
MINNESOTA	Federal	202	132	334	90.03	37	9.97	371
	State & Private	1,963	---	1,963	58.03	1,420	41.97	3,383
	TOTAL	2,165	132	2,297	61.19	1,457	38.81	3,754
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	249	10	259	98.48	4	1.52	263
	State & Private	6,873	---	6,873	76.09	2,160	23.91	9,033
	TOTAL	7,122	10	7,132	76.72	2,164	23.28	9,296
MISSOURI	Federal	363	25	388	94.17	24	5.83	412
	State & Private	3,302	40	3,342	57.79	2,441	42.21	5,783
	TOTAL	3,665	65	3,730	60.21	2,465	39.79	6,195
MONTANA	Federal	419	126	545	81.83	121	18.17	666
	State & Private	249	13	262	95.97	11	4.03	273
	TOTAL	668	139	807	85.94	132	14.06	939
NEBRASKA	Federal	7	5	12	27.91	31	72.09	43
	State & Private	101	---	101	3.76	2,586	96.24	2,687
	TOTAL	108	5	113	4.14	2,617	95.86	2,730
NEVADA	Federal	40	54	94	38.84	148	61.16	242
	State & Private	9	---	9	3.72	233	96.28	242
	TOTAL	49	54	103	21.28	381	78.72	484
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	2	---	2	100.00	---	---	2
	State & Private	759	---	759	100.00	---	---	759
	TOTAL	761	---	761	100.00	---	---	761
NEW JERSEY	Federal	2	3	5	83.33	1	16.67	6
	State & Private	2,456	---	2,456	97.85	54	2.15	2,510
	TOTAL	2,458	3	2,461	97.81	55	2.19	2,516
NEW MEXICO	Federal	404	691	1,095	95.22	55	4.78	1,150
	State & Private	61	63	124	61.69	77	38.31	201
	TOTAL	465	754	1,219	90.23	132	9.77	1,351
NEW YORK	Federal	---	---	---	---	21	100.00	21
	State & Private	344	---	344	67.58	165	32.42	509
	TOTAL	344	---	344	64.91	186	35.09	530
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	150	24	174	93.55	12	6.45	186
	State & Private	4,768	619	5,387	90.67	554	9.33	5,941
	TOTAL	4,918	643	5,561	90.76	566	9.24	6,127
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	---	19	19	10.86	156	89.14	175
	State & Private	18	---	18	100.00	---	---	18
	TOTAL	18	19	37	19.17	156	80.83	193
OHIO	Federal	39	1	40	97.56	1	2.44	41
	State & Private	115	---	115	51.34	109	48.66	224
	TOTAL	154	1	155	58.49	110	41.51	265
OKLAHOMA	Federal	28	25	53	80.30	13	19.70	66
	State & Private	1,020	750	1,770	75.45	576	24.55	2,346
	TOTAL	1,048	775	1,823	75.58	589	24.42	2,412

STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY AREA TYPES 2/						GRAND TOTAL
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Number Fires	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Number Fires	
OREGON	Federal	979	25	1,004	86.78	153	13.22	1,157
	State & Private	701	6	707	74.34	244	25.66	951
	TOTAL	1,680	31	1,711	81.17	397	18.83	2,108
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	9	7	16	100.00	---	---	16
	State & Private	1,575	---	1,575	88.43	206	11.57	1,781
	TOTAL	1,584	7	1,591	88.54	206	11.46	1,797
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	234	577	811	92.26	68	7.74	879
	TOTAL	234	577	811	92.26	68	7.74	879
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	109	1	110	98.21	2	1.79	112
	State & Private	9,008	9	9,017	90.61	934	9.39	9,951
	TOTAL	9,117	10	9,127	90.70	936	9.30	10,063
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	38	17	55	11.27	433	88.73	488
	State & Private	22	57	79	13.57	503	86.43	582
	TOTAL	60	74	134	12.52	936	87.48	1,070
TENNESSEE	Federal	196	25	221	95.67	10	4.33	231
	State & Private	4,570	---	4,570	78.00	1,289	22.00	5,859
	TOTAL	4,766	25	4,791	78.67	1,299	21.33	6,090
TEXAS	Federal	22	30	52	77.61	15	22.39	67
	State & Private	3,763	---	3,763	100.00	---	---	3,763
	TOTAL	3,785	30	3,815	99.61	15	0.39	3,830
UTAH	Federal	50	420	470	73.32	171	26.68	641
	State & Private	17	82	99	16.69	494	83.31	593
	TOTAL	67	502	569	46.11	665	53.89	1,234
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	75	18	93	51.67	87	48.33	180
	TOTAL	75	18	93	51.67	87	48.33	180
VIRGINIA	Federal	67	62	129	95.56	6	4.44	135
	State & Private	2,451	28	2,479	44.73	3,063	55.27	5,542
	TOTAL	2,518	90	2,608	45.94	3,069	54.06	5,677
WASHINGTON	Federal	325	25	350	85.78	58	14.22	408
	State & Private	601	105	706	91.57	65	8.43	771
	TOTAL	926	130	1,056	89.57	123	10.43	1,179
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	19	---	19	95.00	1	5.00	20
	State & Private	2,390	---	2,390	80.63	574	19.37	2,964
	TOTAL	2,409	---	2,409	80.73	575	19.27	2,984
WISCONSIN	Federal	55	4	59	95.16	3	4.84	62
	State & Private	3,278	---	3,278	79.16	863	20.84	4,141
	TOTAL	3,333	4	3,337	79.40	866	20.60	4,203
WYOMING	Federal	23	225	248	71.06	101	28.94	349
	State & Private	66	32	98	17.59	459	82.41	557
	TOTAL	89	257	346	38.19	560	61.81	906

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.
2/ See page 56 for area type (Land Classification) definitions.

TABLE 5. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY SIZE CLASSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Number Fires In Classes E, F, & G	Percent of Total Number Fires
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
UNITED STATES	Federal	10,264	4,177	1,040	164	95	44	16	15,800	155	0.98
	State & Private	44,610	85,243	24,371	2,031	583	172	25	157,035	780	0.50
	TOTAL	54,874	89,420	25,411	2,195	678	216	41	172,835	935	0.54
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	5,435	1,678	457	95	56	28	8	7,757	92	1.19
	State & Private	3,647	3,449	1,184	202	125	62	7	8,676	194	2.24
	TOTAL	9,082	5,127	1,641	297	181	90	15	16,433	286	1.74
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	3,862	676	140	29	17	9	5	4,738	31	0.65
	State & Private	9,609	2,366	471	92	21	21	6	12,586	48	0.38
	TOTAL	13,471	3,042	611	121	38	30	11	17,324	79	0.46
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	388	579	119	9	3	3	1	1,102	7	0.64
	State & Private	6,438	13,241	3,555	357	78	20	8	23,697	106	0.45
	TOTAL	6,826	13,820	3,674	366	81	23	9	24,799	113	0.46
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	560	1,198	311	29	19	4	2	2,123	25	1.18
	State & Private	14,140	56,385	17,677	1,188	302	54	4	89,750	360	0.40
	TOTAL	14,700	57,583	17,988	1,217	321	58	6	91,873	385	0.42
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	19	46	13	2	---	---	---	80	---	---
	State & Private	10,776	9,802	1,484	192	57	15	---	22,326	72	0.32
	TOTAL	10,795	9,848	1,497	194	57	15	---	22,406	72	0.32
STATES											
ALABAMA	Federal	29	65	18	1	---	---	---	113	---	---
	State & Private	439	4,790	2,099	220	52	9	---	7,609	61	0.80
	TOTAL	468	4,855	2,117	221	52	9	---	7,722	61	0.79
ALASKA	Federal	94	76	33	---	5	3	2	213	10	4.69
	State & Private	199	45	6	1	---	1	---	252	1	0.40
	TOTAL	293	121	39	1	5	4	2	465	11	2.37
ARIZONA	Federal	1,914	417	70	11	8	4	3	2,427	15	0.62
	State & Private	86	25	15	2	4	1	---	133	5	3.76
	TOTAL	2,000	442	85	13	12	5	3	2,560	20	0.78
ARKANSAS	Federal	64	136	27	3	---	---	---	230	---	---
	State & Private	259	3,109	1,454	82	19	1	---	4,924	20	0.41
	TOTAL	323	3,245	1,481	85	19	1	---	5,154	20	0.39
CALIFORNIA	Federal	2,419	445	66	13	7	5	2	2,957	14	0.47
	State & Private	8,091	1,936	414	75	17	10	6	10,549	33	0.31
	TOTAL	10,510	2,381	480	88	24	15	8	13,506	47	0.35
COLORADO	Federal	625	156	31	6	2	---	---	820	2	0.24
	State & Private	194	341	28	3	2	1	---	569	3	0.53
	TOTAL	819	497	59	9	4	1	---	1,389	5	0.36
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	381	640	80	2	---	---	---	1,103	---	---
	TOTAL	381	640	80	2	---	---	---	1,103	---	---
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	13	42	8	---	---	---	---	63	---	---
	TOTAL	13	42	8	---	---	---	---	63	---	---
FLORIDA	Federal	44	75	31	3	10	1	1	165	12	7.27
	State & Private	1,413	4,958	2,024	223	55	7	---	8,680	62	0.71
	TOTAL	1,457	5,033	2,055	226	65	8	1	8,845	74	0.84

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Number Fires In Classes E, F, & G	Percent of Total Number Fires
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
GEORGIA	Federal	42	144	34	3	2	---	---	225	2	0.89
	State & Private	2,424	10,103	1,163	22	1	1	---	13,714	2	0.01
	TOTAL	2,466	10,247	1,197	25	3	1	---	13,939	4	0.03
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED									
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	2	---	1	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
	State & Private	20	27	6	5	1	4	---	63	5	7.94
	TOTAL	22	27	7	5	1	4	---	66	5	7.58
IDAHO	Federal	538	103	61	14	21	10	3	750	34	4.53
	State & Private	287	92	20	4	6	---	1	410	7	1.71
	TOTAL	825	195	81	18	27	10	4	1,160	41	3.53
ILLINOIS	Federal	5	22	4	---	---	---	---	31	---	---
	State & Private	59	173	103	12	1	---	---	348	1	0.29
	TOTAL	64	195	107	12	1	---	---	379	1	0.26
INDIANA	Federal	10	22	3	2	---	---	---	37	---	---
	State & Private	92	280	101	10	4	---	---	487	4	0.82
	TOTAL	102	302	104	12	4	---	---	524	4	0.76
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	1,039	5,240	1,543	160	8	---	---	7,990	8	0.10
	TOTAL	1,039	5,240	1,543	160	8	---	---	7,990	8	0.10
KANSAS	Federal	3	3	---	---	---	---	---	6	---	---
	State & Private	1,065	707	422	116	59	38	4	2,411	101	4.19
	TOTAL	1,068	710	422	116	59	38	4	2,417	101	4.18
KENTUCKY	Federal	27	62	14	1	---	---	---	104	---	---
	State & Private	124	2,251	1,609	139	51	11	---	4,185	62	1.48
	TOTAL	151	2,313	1,623	140	51	11	---	4,289	62	1.45
LOUISIANA	Federal	46	122	51	4	2	1	---	226	3	1.33
	State & Private	940	5,689	1,502	65	7	---	---	8,203	7	0.09
	TOTAL	986	5,811	1,553	69	9	1	---	8,429	10	0.12
MAINE	Federal	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
	State & Private	279	376	57	12	4	---	---	728	4	0.55
	TOTAL	279	379	57	12	4	---	---	731	4	0.55
MARYLAND	Federal	---	4	1	---	---	---	---	5	---	---
	State & Private	396	472	34	4	2	---	---	908	2	0.22
	TOTAL	396	476	35	4	2	---	---	913	2	0.22
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	2	4	1	---	---	---	---	7	---	---
	State & Private	6,482	3,298	154	7	1	---	---	9,942	1	0.01
	TOTAL	6,484	3,302	155	7	1	---	---	9,949	1	0.01
MICHIGAN	Federal	62	70	10	3	2	---	1	148	3	2.03
	State & Private	457	760	114	6	3	---	1	1,341	4	0.30
	TOTAL	519	830	124	9	5	---	2	1,489	7	0.47

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group:

2/ Size Classes: A = 0.25 acres or less.
B = 0.26 acres to 9 acres.
C = 10 acres to 99

2/ Size Classes: D = 100 acres to 299 acres.
E = 300 acres to 999 acres.
F = 1,000 acres to 4,999 acres.
G = 5,000 acres or more.

TABLE 5. -- NUMBER OF WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY SIZE CLASSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Number Fires In Classes E, F, & G	Percent of Total Number Fires
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
MINNESOTA	Federal	157	176	32	3	---	3	---	371	3	0.81
	State & Private	1,287	1,394	530	99	53	13	7	3,383	73	2.16
	TOTAL	1,444	1,570	562	102	53	16	7	3,754	76	2.02
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	41	180	39	1	2	---	---	263	2	0.76
	State & Private	355	5,778	2,789	99	12	---	---	9,033	12	0.13
	TOTAL	396	5,958	2,828	100	14	---	---	9,296	14	0.15
MISSOURI	Federal	109	244	57	1	1	---	---	412	1	0.24
	State & Private	1,354	3,403	968	56	1	1	---	5,783	2	0.03
	TOTAL	1,463	3,647	1,025	57	2	1	---	6,195	3	0.05
MONTANA	Federal	444	147	62	6	5	2	---	666	7	1.05
	State & Private	205	52	11	4	1	---	---	273	1	0.37
	TOTAL	649	199	73	10	6	2	---	939	8	0.85
NEBRASKA	Federal	7	24	11	1	---	---	---	43	---	---
	State & Private	1,072	1,285	302	10	13	5	---	2,687	18	0.67
	TOTAL	1,079	1,309	313	11	13	5	---	2,730	18	0.66
NEVADA	Federal	150	54	27	9	1	1	---	242	2	0.83
	State & Private	162	64	14	---	---	2	---	242	2	0.83
	TOTAL	312	118	41	9	1	3	---	484	4	0.83
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	2	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	---	---
	State & Private	598	152	9	---	---	---	---	759	---	---
	TOTAL	600	152	9	---	---	---	---	761	---	---
NEW JERSEY	Federal	1	3	1	1	---	---	---	6	---	---
	State & Private	965	1,400	126	14	3	2	---	2,510	5	0.20
	TOTAL	966	1,403	127	15	3	2	---	2,516	5	0.20
NEW MEXICO	Federal	874	244	25	---	3	3	1	1,150	7	0.61
	State & Private	80	82	22	8	5	3	1	201	9	4.48
	TOTAL	954	326	47	8	8	6	2	1,351	16	1.18
NEW YORK	Federal	3	15	3	---	---	---	---	21	---	---
	State & Private	160	267	71	6	5	---	---	509	5	0.98
	TOTAL	163	282	74	6	5	---	---	530	5	0.94
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	54	92	31	6	2	---	1	186	3	1.61
	State & Private	1,432	3,665	768	57	15	2	2	5,941	19	0.32
	TOTAL	1,486	3,757	799	63	17	2	3	6,127	22	0.36
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	22	93	46	9	2	2	1	175	5	2.86
	State & Private	---	10	5	2	1	---	---	18	1	5.56
	TOTAL	22	103	51	11	3	2	1	193	6	3.11
OHIO	Federal	10	24	7	---	---	---	---	41	---	---
	State & Private	75	127	19	3	---	---	---	224	---	---
	TOTAL	85	151	26	3	---	---	---	265	---	---
OKLAHOMA	Federal	19	38	8	---	---	1	---	66	1	1.52
	State & Private	210	1,198	793	91	45	8	1	2,346	54	2.30
	TOTAL	229	1,236	801	91	45	9	1	2,412	55	2.28

STATES	OWNERSHIP	NUMBER OF FIRES BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Number Fires In Classes E, F, & G	Percent of Total Number Fires
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
OREGON	Federal	1,023	98	20	12	3	1	---	1,157	4	0.35
	State & Private	762	154	28	6	1	---	---	951	1	0.11
	TOTAL	1,785	252	48	18	4	1	---	2,108	5	0.24
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	5	10	1	---	---	---	---	16	---	---
	State & Private	458	1,123	179	18	2	1	---	1,781	3	0.17
	TOTAL	463	1,133	180	18	2	1	---	1,797	3	0.17
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	583	286	9	---	1	---	---	879	1	0.11
	TOTAL	583	286	9	---	1	---	---	879	1	0.11
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	24	81	5	1	1	---	---	112	1	0.89
	State & Private	1,979	6,865	1,068	33	5	---	1	9,951	6	0.06
	TOTAL	2,003	6,946	1,073	34	6	---	1	10,063	7	0.07
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	225	183	55	21	3	1	---	488	4	0.82
	State & Private	172	296	94	12	7	1	---	582	8	1.37
	TOTAL	397	479	149	33	10	2	---	1,070	12	1.12
TENNESSEE	Federal	101	104	22	4	---	---	---	231	---	---
	State & Private	644	3,948	1,192	66	9	---	---	5,859	9	0.15
	TOTAL	745	4,052	1,214	70	9	---	---	6,090	9	0.15
TEXAS	Federal	11	40	13	2	---	1	---	67	1	1.49
	State & Private	908	1,777	956	78	29	15	---	3,763	44	1.17
	TOTAL	919	1,817	969	80	29	16	---	3,830	45	1.17
UTAH	Federal	430	153	34	13	8	3	---	641	11	1.72
	State & Private	97	268	173	27	19	8	1	593	28	4.72
	TOTAL	527	421	207	40	27	11	1	1,234	39	3.16
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	51	114	12	3	---	---	---	180	---	---
	TOTAL	51	114	12	3	---	---	---	180	---	---
VIRGINIA	Federal	58	59	18	---	---	---	---	135	---	---
	State & Private	3,013	2,254	260	13	2	---	---	5,542	2	0.04
	TOTAL	3,071	2,313	278	13	2	---	---	5,677	2	0.04
WASHINGTON	Federal	324	57	20	4	2	---	1	408	3	0.74
	State & Private	537	204	17	5	2	6	---	771	8	1.04
	TOTAL	861	261	37	9	4	6	1	1,179	11	0.93
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	6	7	6	1	---	---	---	20	---	---
	State & Private	410	1,632	745	126	39	12	---	2,964	51	1.72
	TOTAL	416	1,639	751	127	39	12	---	2,984	51	1.71
WISCONSIN	Federal	36	21	5	---	---	---	---	62	---	---
	State & Private	2,075	1,864	177	11	8	6	---	4,141	14	0.34
	TOTAL	2,111	1,885	182	11	8	6	---	4,203	14	0.33
WYOMING	Federal	203	101	35	5	3	2	---	349	5	1.43
	State & Private	227	227	78	14	8	3	---	557	11	1.97
	TOTAL	430	328	113	19	11	5	---	906	16	1.77

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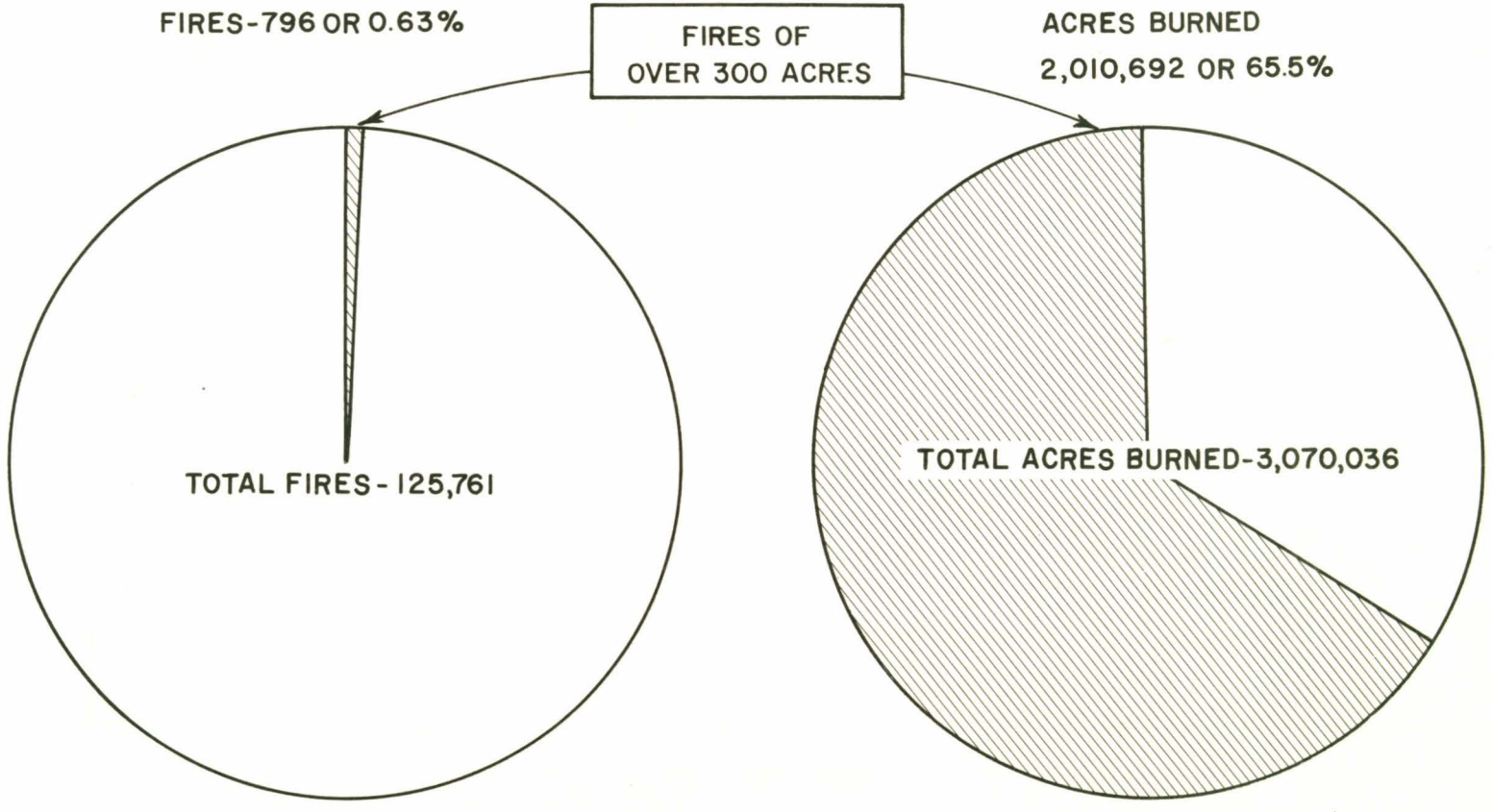
UNITED STATES

FIRES AND ACRES BURNED ON PROTECTED LANDS

CY 1966 - 1976 AVERAGES



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CLASS E, F, G FIRES AND ACRES BURNED ON PROTECTED LANDS

CY 1966-1976

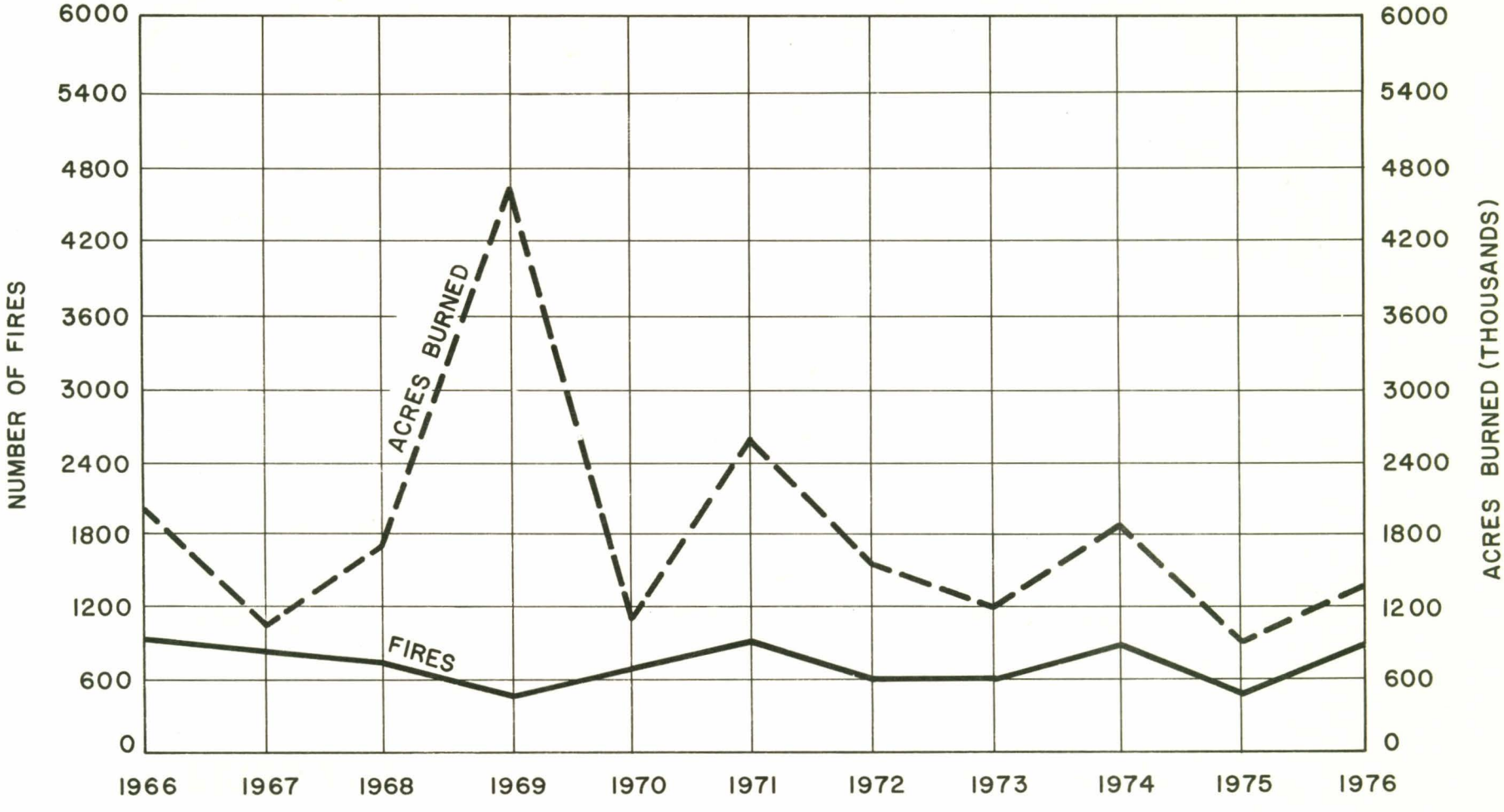

TABLE 6. -- ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY SIZE CLASSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Burn In Classes E, F, G	Percent of Total Acres Burned
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
UNITED STATES	Federal	713	10,804	35,006	27,306	58,948	84,024	301,988	518,789	444,960	85.77
	State & Private	995	231,942	691,536	310,845	257,929	289,785	335,677	2,118,709	883,391	41.69
	TOTAL	1,708	242,746	726,542	338,151	316,877	373,809	637,665	2,637,498	1,328,351	50.36
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	677	3,978	15,055	16,223	35,246	58,976	141,181	271,336	235,403	86.76
	State & Private	255	10,302	47,753	32,901	59,808	114,896	81,850	347,765	256,554	73.77
	TOTAL	932	14,280	62,808	49,124	95,054	173,872	223,031	619,101	491,957	79.46
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	8	1,370	4,267	5,030	10,159	15,145	94,326	130,305	119,630	91.81
	State & Private	---	8,966	17,085	14,014	8,852	38,370	113,300	200,587	160,522	80.03
	TOTAL	8	10,336	21,352	19,044	19,011	53,515	207,626	330,892	280,152	84.67
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	14	1,575	3,966	1,391	1,725	4,960	55,000	68,631	61,685	89.88
	State & Private	---	25,524	71,849	45,825	35,368	41,515	78,427	298,508	155,310	52.03
	TOTAL	14	27,099	75,815	47,216	37,093	46,475	133,427	367,139	216,995	59.10
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	10	3,758	11,329	4,446	11,818	4,770	11,481	47,612	28,069	58.95
	State & Private	740	167,897	513,533	186,566	123,441	68,785	62,100	1,123,062	254,326	22.65
	TOTAL	750	171,655	524,862	191,012	135,259	73,555	73,581	1,170,674	282,395	24.12
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	4	123	389	216	---	173	---	905	173	19.12
	State & Private	---	19,253	41,316	31,539	30,460	26,219	---	148,787	56,679	38.09
	TOTAL	4	19,376	41,705	31,755	30,460	26,392	---	149,692	56,852	37.98
STATES											
ALABAMA	Federal	---	205	629	140	---	---	---	974	---	---
	State & Private	126	19,063	61,719	34,217	25,890	10,653	---	151,668	36,543	24.09
	TOTAL	126	19,268	62,348	34,357	25,890	10,653	---	152,642	36,543	23.94
ALASKA	Federal	---	231	982	---	2,530	5,000	46,800	55,543	54,330	97.82
	State & Private	---	79	150	250	---	1,038	---	1,517	1,038	68.42
	TOTAL	---	310	1,132	250	2,530	6,038	46,800	57,060	55,368	97.03
ARIZONA	Federal	585	923	2,427	1,667	3,634	8,058	14,088	31,382	25,780	82.15
	State & Private	---	48	735	540	2,275	1,100	---	4,698	3,375	71.84
	TOTAL	585	971	3,162	2,207	5,909	9,158	14,088	36,080	29,155	80.81
ARKANSAS	Federal	---	393	996	382	---	---	---	1,771	---	---
	State & Private	---	11,620	51,264	14,865	7,479	1,400	---	86,628	8,879	10.25
	TOTAL	---	12,013	52,260	15,247	7,479	1,400	---	88,399	8,879	10.04
CALIFORNIA	Federal	6	799	1,925	2,325	4,524	8,945	24,551	43,075	38,020	88.26
	State & Private	---	8,105	15,318	11,625	6,816	19,880	113,300	175,044	139,996	79.98
	TOTAL	6	8,904	17,243	13,950	11,340	28,825	137,851	218,119	178,016	81.61
COLORADO	Federal	19	368	887	900	3,189	---	---	5,363	3,189	59.46
	State & Private	19	516	636	611	1,300	1,427	---	4,509	2,727	60.48
	TOTAL	38	884	1,523	1,511	4,489	1,427	---	9,872	5,916	59.93
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	1,190	1,641	200	---	---	---	3,031	---	---
	TOTAL	---	1,190	1,641	200	---	---	---	3,031	---	---
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	118	207	---	---	---	---	325	---	---
	TOTAL	---	118	207	---	---	---	---	325	---	---
FLORIDA	Federal	---	251	999	418	5,134	2,100	5,481	14,383	12,715	88.40
	State & Private	---	13,534	57,889	34,905	24,117	9,935	---	140,380	34,052	24.26
	TOTAL	---	13,785	58,888	35,323	29,251	12,035	5,481	154,763	46,767	30.22

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY SIZE CLASSES 2/ A	B	C	D	E	F	G	TOTAL	Burn In Classes E, F, G	Percent of Total Acres Burned
GEORGIA	Federal	---	436	1,201	414	630	---	---	2,681	630	23.50
	State & Private	290	24,209	28,458	3,441	612	1,025	---	58,035	1,637	2.82
	TOTAL	290	24,645	29,659	3,855	1,242	1,025	---	60,716	2,267	3.73
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED									
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	---	---	35	---	---	---	---	35	---	---
	State & Private	---	75	208	793	350	6,455	---	7,881	6,805	86.35
	TOTAL	---	75	243	793	350	6,455	---	7,916	6,805	85.97
IDAHO	Federal	1	269	2,862	2,641	14,049	20,586	119,957	160,365	154,592	96.40
	State & Private	---	162	774	922	3,095	760	11,290	17,003	15,145	89.07
	TOTAL	1	431	3,636	3,563	17,144	21,346	131,247	177,368	169,737	95.70
ILLINOIS	Federal	---	72	119	---	---	---	---	191	---	---
	State & Private	---	725	3,350	1,990	395	---	---	6,460	395	6.11
	TOTAL	---	797	3,469	1,990	395	---	---	6,651	395	5.94
INDIANA	Federal	9	59	110	107	---	---	---	285	---	---
	State & Private	---	709	2,854	1,734	1,530	---	---	6,827	1,530	22.41
	TOTAL	9	768	2,964	1,841	1,530	---	---	7,112	1,530	21.51
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	5,047	15,730	9,503	2,490	---	---	32,770	2,490	7.60
	TOTAL	---	5,047	15,730	9,503	2,490	---	---	32,770	2,490	7.60
KANSAS	Federal	---	1	---	---	---	---	---	1	---	---
	State & Private	74	3,914	23,751	17,501	29,325	67,270	53,400	195,235	149,995	76.83
	TOTAL	74	3,915	23,751	17,501	29,325	67,270	53,400	195,236	149,995	76.83
KENTUCKY	Federal	---	191	680	121	---	---	---	992	---	---
	State & Private	23	7,173	58,212	23,881	18,419	16,031	---	123,739	34,450	27.84
	TOTAL	23	7,364	58,892	24,002	18,419	16,031	---	124,731	34,450	27.62
LOUISIANA	Federal	---	344	1,688	449	935	1,050	---	4,466	1,985	44.45
	State & Private	---	19,036	51,011	9,964	3,267	---	---	83,278	3,267	3.92
	TOTAL	---	19,380	52,699	10,413	4,202	1,050	---	87,744	5,252	5.99
MAINE	Federal	---	3	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
	State & Private	---	883	1,914	1,837	1,743	---	---	6,377	1,743	27.33
	TOTAL	---	886	1,914	1,837	1,743	---	---	6,380	1,743	27.32
MARYLAND	Federal	---	9	35	---	---	---	---	44	---	---
	State & Private	---	984	840	679	1,052	---	---	3,555	1,052	29.59
	TOTAL	---	993	875	679	1,052	---	---	3,599	1,052	29.23
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	---	5	17	---	---	---	---	22	---	---
	State & Private	---	4,839	3,545	959	350	---	---	9,693	350	3.61
	TOTAL	---	4,844	3,562	959	350	---	---	9,715	350	3.60
MICHIGAN	Federal	1	194	267	580	1,173	---	55,000	57,215	56,173	98.18
	State & Private	---	1,785	3,151	817	790	---	18,927	25,470	19,717	77.41
	TOTAL	1	1,979	3,418	1,397	1,963	---	73,927	82,685	75,890	91.78

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PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES [1]	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY SIZE CLASSES [2]							TOTAL	Burn In Classes E, F, G	Percent of Total Acres Burned
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
MINNESOTA	Federal	4	450	1,171	348	---	4,960	---	6,933	4,960	71.54
	State & Private	---	3,982	15,408	16,290	26,395	28,443	59,500	150,018	114,338	76.22
	TOTAL	4	4,432	16,579	16,638	26,395	33,403	59,500	156,951	119,298	76.01
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	---	613	1,356	340	768	---	---	3,077	768	24.96
	State & Private	---	18,072	73,105	14,032	4,180	---	---	109,389	4,180	3.82
	TOTAL	---	18,685	74,461	14,372	4,948	---	---	112,466	4,948	4.40
MISSOURI	Federal	---	680	1,888	356	552	---	---	3,476	552	15.88
	State & Private	---	9,713	26,546	8,675	320	1,110	---	46,364	1,430	3.08
	TOTAL	---	10,393	28,434	9,031	872	1,110	---	49,840	1,982	3.98
MONTANA	Federal	1	390	1,918	910	2,305	2,700	---	8,224	5,005	60.86
	State & Private	---	102	306	675	600	---	---	1,683	600	35.65
	TOTAL	1	492	2,224	1,585	2,905	2,700	---	9,907	5,605	56.58
NEBRASKA	Federal	---	92	279	108	---	2,224	---	2,703	2,224	82.28
	State & Private	136	2,757	7,036	1,620	4,851	5,294	---	21,694	10,145	46.76
	TOTAL	136	2,849	7,315	1,728	4,851	7,518	---	24,397	12,369	50.70
NEVADA	Federal	2	137	926	1,720	1,600	4,368	---	8,753	5,968	68.18
	State & Private	---	120	327	---	---	3,000	---	3,447	3,000	87.03
	TOTAL	2	257	1,253	1,720	1,600	7,368	---	12,200	8,968	73.51
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	161	169	---	---	---	---	330	---	---
	TOTAL	---	161	169	---	---	---	---	330	---	---
NEW JERSEY	Federal	---	21	21	86	---	173	---	301	173	57.48
	State & Private	---	2,785	3,300	2,384	1,392	3,958	---	13,819	5,350	38.71
	TOTAL	---	2,806	3,321	2,470	1,392	4,131	---	14,120	5,523	39.11
NEW MEXICO	Federal	1	555	734	---	1,395	6,260	3,612	12,557	11,267	89.73
	State & Private	7	198	566	1,226	2,603	5,800	12,160	22,560	20,563	91.15
	TOTAL	8	753	1,300	1,226	3,998	12,060	15,772	35,117	31,830	90.64
NEW YORK	Federal	---	23	63	---	---	---	---	86	---	---
	State & Private	---	792	1,598	1,076	2,794	---	---	6,260	2,794	44.63
	TOTAL	---	815	1,661	1,076	2,794	---	---	6,346	2,794	44.03
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	2	264	1,049	675	2,400	---	6,000	10,390	8,400	80.85
	State & Private	---	9,362	18,557	8,578	5,957	4,731	24,100	71,285	34,788	48.80
	TOTAL	2	9,626	19,606	9,253	8,357	4,731	30,100	81,675	43,188	52.88
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	---	220	1,359	1,112	1,180	2,816	945	7,632	4,941	64.74
	State & Private	---	16	92	240	300	---	---	648	300	46.30
	TOTAL	---	236	1,451	1,352	1,480	2,816	945	8,280	5,241	63.30
OHIO	Federal	---	73	223	---	---	---	---	296	---	---
	State & Private	---	276	399	48	---	---	---	723	---	---
	TOTAL	---	349	622	48	---	---	---	1,019	---	---
OKLAHOMA	Federal	---	108	266	---	---	1,100	---	1,474	1,100	74.63
	State & Private	---	3,689	27,523	15,340	18,637	13,273	8,000	86,462	39,910	46.16
	TOTAL	---	3,797	27,789	15,340	18,637	14,373	8,000	87,936	41,010	46.64

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY SIZE CLASSES 2/							TOTAL	Burn In Classes E, F, G	Percent of Total Acres Burned
		A	B	C	D	E	F	G			
OREGON	Federal	1	230	654	2,118	2,205	1,200	---	6,408	3,405	53.14
	State & Private	---	265	844	589	834	869	---	3,401	1,703	50.07
	TOTAL	1	495	1,498	2,707	3,039	2,069	---	9,809	5,108	52.07
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	3	33	51	---	---	---	---	87	---	---
	State & Private	---	2,480	4,730	2,960	1,350	3,333	---	14,853	4,683	31.53
	TOTAL	3	2,513	4,781	2,960	1,350	3,333	---	14,940	4,683	31.35
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	439	267	---	699	---	---	1,405	699	49.75
	TOTAL	---	439	267	---	699	---	---	1,405	699	49.75
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	---	344	277	418	860	---	---	1,899	860	45.29
	State & Private	287	17,347	26,384	6,169	2,012	---	30,000	82,199	32,012	38.94
	TOTAL	287	17,691	26,661	6,587	2,872	---	30,000	84,098	32,872	39.09
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	1	403	1,526	3,355	1,660	3,904	---	10,849	5,564	51.29
	State & Private	---	577	1,982	1,735	3,836	1,000	---	9,130	4,836	52.97
	TOTAL	1	980	3,508	5,090	5,496	4,904	---	19,979	10,400	52.05
TENNESSEE	Federal	1	282	793	621	532	---	---	2,229	532	23.87
	State & Private	14	14,727	31,471	11,417	4,493	---	---	62,122	4,493	7.23
	TOTAL	15	15,009	32,264	12,038	5,025	---	---	64,351	5,025	7.81
TEXAS	Federal	1	138	622	438	---	520	---	1,719	520	30.25
	State & Private	---	5,332	21,405	7,816	7,728	11,737	---	54,018	19,465	36.03
	TOTAL	1	5,470	22,027	8,254	7,728	12,257	---	55,737	19,985	35.86
UTAH	Federal	61	338	1,074	2,737	4,789	4,910	2,579	16,488	12,278	74.47
	State & Private	19	1,217	9,034	5,940	8,623	23,165	5,000	52,998	36,788	69.41
	TOTAL	80	1,555	10,108	8,677	13,412	28,075	7,579	69,486	49,066	70.61
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	237	269	628	---	---	---	1,134	---	---
	TOTAL	---	237	269	628	---	---	---	1,134	---	---
VIRGINIA	Federal	6	189	773	30	559	---	---	1,557	559	35.90
	State & Private	---	4,733	6,535	1,941	650	---	---	13,859	650	4.69
	TOTAL	6	4,922	7,308	1,971	1,209	---	---	15,416	1,209	7.84
WASHINGTON	Federal	1	110	671	587	900	---	22,975	25,244	23,875	94.58
	State & Private	---	442	565	757	852	10,128	---	12,744	10,980	85.96
	TOTAL	1	552	1,236	1,344	1,752	10,128	22,975	37,988	34,855	91.75
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	---	29	203	130	---	---	---	362	---	---
	State & Private	---	4,345	22,836	20,816	21,080	18,928	---	88,005	40,008	45.46
	TOTAL	---	4,374	23,039	20,946	21,080	18,928	---	88,367	40,008	45.27
WISCONSIN	Federal	---	47	188	---	---	---	---	235	---	---
	State & Private	---	3,287	4,411	6,768	3,448	11,962	---	29,876	15,410	51.58
	TOTAL	---	3,334	4,599	6,768	3,448	11,962	---	30,111	15,410	51.18
WYOMING	Federal	6	282	1,063	1,073	1,445	3,150	---	7,019	4,595	65.47
	State & Private	---	675	2,514	1,891	3,000	6,080	---	14,160	9,080	64.12
	TOTAL	6	957	3,577	2,964	4,445	9,230	---	21,179	13,675	64.57

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.

2/ Size Classes: A = 0.25 acres or less.
B = 0.26 acres to 9 acres.
C = 10 acres to 99 acres.
D = 100 acres to 299
E = 300 acres to 999 acres.
F = 1,000 acres to 4,999 acres.
G = 5,000 acres or more.

TABLE 7. -- ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	Man-Caused	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		Acres Burned	Percent of Total
UNITED STATES	Federal	189,763	16,379	19,344	26,517	45,623	157,026	7,773	2,568	53,796	518,789	329,026	63.42
	State & Private	74,267	71,524	143,361	466,840	820,185	228,894	99,126	42,684	171,828	2,118,709	2,044,442	96.49
	TOTAL	264,030	87,903	162,705	493,357	865,808	385,920	106,899	45,252	225,624	2,637,498	2,373,468	89.99
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	65,745	7,677	7,430	11,744	13,821	135,196	5,816	1,467	22,440	271,336	205,591	75.77
	State & Private	33,630	7,051	7,030	107,142	23,168	57,301	36,937	1,349	74,157	347,765	314,135	90.33
	TOTAL	99,375	14,728	14,460	118,886	36,989	192,497	42,753	2,816	96,597	619,101	519,726	83.95
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	57,645	5,145	9,420	6,040	10,161	20,497	1,252	190	19,955	130,305	72,660	55.76
	State & Private	4,065	7,489	6,560	21,075	46,297	77,582	1,879	6,997	28,643	200,587	196,522	97.97
	TOTAL	61,710	12,634	15,980	27,115	56,458	98,079	3,131	7,187	48,598	330,892	269,182	81.35
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	59,019	1,742	685	408	3,870	273	259	289	2,086	68,631	9,612	14.01
	State & Private	19,746	4,914	26,809	51,228	85,897	70,346	20,114	2,333	17,121	298,508	278,762	93.39
	TOTAL	78,765	6,656	27,494	51,636	89,767	70,619	20,373	2,622	19,207	367,139	288,374	78.55
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	7,295	1,584	1,614	8,311	17,686	1,060	406	620	9,036	47,612	40,317	84.68
	State & Private	14,446	46,085	95,896	268,878	587,387	18,233	26,908	23,077	42,152	1,123,062	1,108,616	98.71
	TOTAL	21,741	47,669	97,510	277,189	605,073	19,293	27,314	23,697	51,188	1,170,674	1,148,933	98.14
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	59	231	195	14	85	---	40	2	279	905	846	93.48
	State & Private	2,380	5,985	7,066	18,517	77,436	5,432	13,288	8,928	9,755	148,787	146,407	98.40
	TOTAL	2,439	6,216	7,261	18,531	77,521	5,432	13,328	8,930	10,034	149,692	147,253	98.37
STATES													
ALABAMA	Federal	167	3	80	35	363	4	150	---	172	974	807	82.85
	State & Private	525	648	10,525	20,564	108,535	1,077	3,609	2,567	3,618	151,668	151,143	99.65
	TOTAL	692	651	10,605	20,599	108,898	1,081	3,759	2,567	3,790	152,642	151,950	99.55
ALASKA	Federal	53,386	23	---	2,118	---	---	15	---	1	55,543	2,157	3.88
	State & Private	360	1,045	27	35	10	6	1	5	28	1,517	1,157	76.27
	TOTAL	53,746	1,068	27	2,153	10	6	16	5	29	57,060	3,314	5.81
ARIZONA	Federal	17,267	247	2,723	222	17	9,368	---	51	1,487	31,382	14,115	44.98
	State & Private	3,177	14	22	656	301	5	---	3	520	4,698	1,521	32.38
	TOTAL	20,444	261	2,745	878	318	9,373	---	54	2,007	36,080	15,636	43.34
ARKANSAS	Federal	178	271	204	84	668	27	7	---	332	1,771	1,593	89.95
	State & Private	470	1,560	10,702	14,111	47,593	1,850	3,285	913	6,144	86,628	86,158	99.46
	TOTAL	648	1,831	10,906	14,195	48,261	1,877	3,292	913	6,476	88,399	87,751	99.27
CALIFORNIA	Federal	3,403	3,371	9,206	1,835	10,123	13,984	76	50	1,027	43,075	39,672	92.10
	State & Private	3,600	3,211	5,660	16,480	43,300	74,750	1,854	6,780	19,409	175,044	171,444	97.94
	TOTAL	7,003	6,582	14,866	18,315	53,423	88,734	1,930	6,830	20,436	218,119	211,116	96.79
COLORADO	Federal	4,136	455	303	230	157	---	14	22	46	5,363	1,227	22.88
	State & Private	2,990	317	29	327	128	13	247	79	379	4,509	1,519	33.69
	TOTAL	7,126	772	332	557	285	13	261	101	425	9,872	2,746	27.82
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	180	86	198	1,167	74	67	1,205	54	3,031	3,031	100.00
	TOTAL	---	180	86	198	1,167	74	67	1,205	54	3,031	3,031	100.00
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	1	72	116	50	---	43	42	1	325	325	100.00
	TOTAL	---	1	72	116	50	---	43	42	1	325	325	100.00
FLORIDA	Federal	295	34	686	5,551	3,496	54	---	---	4,267	14,383	14,088	97.95
	State & Private	10,554	1,476	14,845	35,824	56,788	7,279	2,616	7,591	3,407	140,380	129,826	92.48
	TOTAL	10,849	1,510	15,531	41,375	60,284	7,333	2,616	7,591	7,674	154,763	143,914	92.99

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	Man-Caused	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		Acres Burned	Percent of Total
GEORGIA	Federal	19	317	107	26	2,114	10	6	---	82	2,681	2,662	99.29
	State & Private	920	654	7,381	18,845	21,698	1,068	3,524	2,506	1,439	58,035	57,115	98.41
	TOTAL	939	971	7,488	18,871	23,812	1,078	3,530	2,506	1,521	60,716	59,777	98.45
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED											
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	---	---	---	35	---	---	---	---	---	35	35	100.00
	State & Private	---	---	623	1,397	365	18	---	7	5,471	7,881	7,881	100.00
	TOTAL	---	---	623	1,432	365	18	---	7	5,471	7,916	7,916	100.00
IDAHO	Federal	13,501	4,081	751	3,131	10,060	114,173	1,259	96	13,313	160,365	146,864	91.58
	State & Private	1,628	355	19	439	600	12,750	403	81	728	17,003	15,375	90.43
	TOTAL	15,129	4,436	770	3,570	10,660	126,923	1,662	177	14,041	177,368	162,239	91.47
ILLINOIS	Federal	---	---	29	10	83	37	1	3	28	191	191	100.00
	State & Private	---	20	765	2,533	2,323	74	531	---	214	6,460	6,460	100.00
	TOTAL	---	20	794	2,543	2,406	111	532	3	242	6,651	6,651	100.00
INDIANA	Federal	---	1	6	18	120	---	92	1	47	285	285	100.00
	State & Private	---	35	531	1,779	2,196	135	304	103	1,744	6,827	6,827	100.00
	TOTAL	---	36	537	1,797	2,316	135	396	104	1,791	7,112	7,112	100.00
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	1,311	3,932	9,176	655	6,226	10,159	328	983	32,770	32,770	100.00
	TOTAL	---	1,311	3,932	9,176	655	6,226	10,159	328	983	32,770	32,770	100.00
KANSAS	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	1	100.00
	State & Private	2,976	5,841	3,598	78,462	12,519	15,946	27,674	143	48,076	195,235	192,259	98.48
	TOTAL	2,976	5,841	3,598	78,462	12,519	15,946	27,674	143	48,077	195,236	192,260	98.48
KENTUCKY	Federal	73	7	106	24	728	14	3	7	30	992	919	92.64
	State & Private	8	6,926	23,500	34,833	42,021	993	1,537	2,865	11,056	123,739	123,731	99.99
	TOTAL	81	6,933	23,606	34,857	42,749	1,007	1,540	2,872	11,086	124,731	124,650	99.94
LOUISIANA	Federal	---	47	9	20	1,475	1	1	---	2,913	4,466	4,466	100.00
	State & Private	128	784	1,923	5,065	73,790	299	834	105	350	83,278	83,150	99.85
	TOTAL	128	831	1,932	5,085	75,265	300	835	105	3,263	87,744	87,616	99.85
MAINE	Federal	3	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	---	---
	State & Private	112	22	191	1,196	4,547	67	75	130	37	6,377	6,265	98.24
	TOTAL	115	22	191	1,196	4,547	67	75	130	37	6,380	6,265	98.20
MARYLAND	Federal	---	1	---	---	2	---	35	---	6	44	44	100.00
	State & Private	---	86	386	782	773	---	406	689	433	3,555	3,555	100.00
	TOTAL	---	87	386	782	775	---	441	689	439	3,599	3,599	100.00
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	---	1	1	---	3	---	---	---	17	22	22	100.00
	State & Private	1	152	227	363	3,783	81	541	3,205	1,340	9,693	9,692	99.99
	TOTAL	1	153	228	363	3,786	81	541	3,205	1,357	9,715	9,714	99.99
MICHIGAN	Federal	55,021	890	129	16	222	30	11	---	896	57,215	2,194	3.83
	State & Private	19,264	645	1,626	1,122	923	505	254	277	854	25,470	6,206	24.37
	TOTAL	74,285	1,535	1,755	1,138	1,145	535	265	277	1,750	82,685	8,400	10.16

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.
2/ See page 56 for Fire Cause definitions.

TABLE 7. -- ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY CAUSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	Man-Caused	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		Acres Burned	Percent of Total
MINNESOTA	Federal	3,958	34	199	243	1,363	139	95	275	627	6,933	3,035	43.40
	State & Private	293	1,936	9,856	12,821	52,537	61,064	3,797	1,202	6,512	150,018	149,725	99.80
	TOTAL	4,251	1,970	10,055	13,064	53,900	61,203	3,892	1,477	7,139	156,951	152,700	97.29
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	9	30	38	114	2,605	80	7	55	139	3,077	3,068	99.71
	State & Private	144	329	5,947	17,719	81,636	604	589	748	1,673	109,389	109,245	99.87
	TOTAL	153	359	5,985	17,833	84,241	684	596	803	1,812	112,466	112,313	99.86
MISSOURI	Federal	38	807	304	115	1,809	38	31	8	326	3,476	3,438	98.91
	State & Private	95	578	2,144	20,933	15,695	808	3,290	243	2,578	46,364	46,269	99.80
	TOTAL	133	1,385	2,448	21,048	17,504	846	3,321	251	2,904	49,840	49,707	99.73
MONTANA	Federal	3,805	66	824	2,671	89	52	97	3	617	8,224	4,419	53.73
	State & Private	847	38	8	756	1	9	6	4	14	1,683	836	49.67
	TOTAL	4,652	104	832	3,427	90	61	103	7	631	9,907	5,255	53.04
NEBRASKA	Federal	156	---	41	112	43	2,254	11	86	---	2,703	2,547	94.23
	State & Private	5,095	16	1,222	4,315	50	4,850	2,424	56	3,666	21,694	16,599	76.51
	TOTAL	5,251	16	1,263	4,427	93	7,104	2,435	142	3,666	24,397	19,146	78.48
NEVADA	Federal	6,009	238	7	852	1,067	40	118	14	408	8,753	2,744	31.35
	State & Private	1,623	32	1	1,604	19	18	125	12	13	3,447	1,824	52.92
	TOTAL	7,632	270	8	2,456	1,086	58	243	26	421	12,200	4,568	37.44
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	5	49	39	16	71	5	3	107	35	330	325	98.48
	TOTAL	5	49	39	16	71	5	3	107	35	330	325	98.48
NEW JERSEY	Federal	---	173	---	---	7	---	---	---	121	301	301	100.00
	State & Private	251	2,529	2,634	67	7,471	274	25	523	45	13,819	13,568	98.18
	TOTAL	251	2,702	2,634	67	7,478	274	25	523	166	14,120	13,869	98.22
NEW MEXICO	Federal	4,250	33	2,292	1,020	19	4,007	---	54	882	12,557	8,307	66.15
	State & Private	1,018	14	417	14,121	5	2,778	3,601	31	575	22,560	21,542	95.49
	TOTAL	5,268	47	2,709	15,141	24	6,785	3,601	85	1,457	35,117	29,849	85.00
NEW YORK	Federal	---	---	12	11	---	---	---	2	61	86	86	100.00
	State & Private	2	1,612	695	1,549	1,267	72	1,238	415	410	6,260	6,258	99.97
	TOTAL	2	1,612	707	1,560	1,267	72	1,238	417	471	6,346	6,344	99.97
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	6,017	841	122	1,045	2,020	4	23	27	291	10,390	4,373	42.09
	State & Private	239	452	3,669	34,211	25,699	1,315	2,077	1,222	2,401	71,285	71,046	99.66
	TOTAL	6,256	1,293	3,791	35,256	27,719	1,319	2,100	1,249	2,692	81,675	75,419	92.34
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	339	35	7	733	471	3,476	302	940	1,329	7,632	7,293	95.56
	State & Private	---	2	186	457	2	---	---	1	---	648	648	100.00
	TOTAL	339	37	193	1,190	473	3,476	302	941	1,329	8,280	7,941	95.91
OHIO	Federal	---	---	10	6	250	---	---	2	28	296	296	100.00
	State & Private	---	8	117	245	197	5	4	2	145	723	723	100.00
	TOTAL	---	8	127	251	447	5	4	4	173	1,019	1,019	100.00
OKLAHOMA	Federal	117	7	40	1,115	125	15	17	3	35	1,474	1,357	92.06
	State & Private	158	146	1,718	19,454	58,362	717	1,062	615	4,230	86,462	86,304	99.82
	TOTAL	275	153	1,758	20,569	58,487	732	1,079	618	4,265	87,936	87,661	99.69

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY CAUSE CLASSES 2/									TOTAL	Man-Caused	
		Lightning	Campfires	Smoking	Debris Burning	Incendiary	Equipment Use	Railroads	Children	Miscellaneous		Acres Burned	Percent of Total
OREGON	Federal	805	1,223	154	1,631	8	125	1,161	136	1,165	6,408	5,603	87.44
	State & Private	23	952	138	1,546	286	1	16	88	351	3,401	3,378	99.32
	TOTAL	828	2,175	292	3,177	294	126	1,177	224	1,516	9,809	8,981	91.56
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	---	2	2	3	18	---	---	---	62	87	87	100.00
	State & Private	22	429	613	1,662	5,597	3,722	1,852	552	404	14,853	14,831	99.85
	TOTAL	22	431	615	1,665	5,615	3,722	1,852	552	466	14,940	14,918	99.85
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	21	22	87	1,128	47	2	93	5	1,405	1,405	100.00
	TOTAL	---	21	22	87	1,128	47	2	93	5	1,405	1,405	100.00
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	5	---	32	63	1,224	14	25	1	536	1,899	1,894	99.74
	State & Private	89	30,225	4,199	13,025	29,952	705	2,248	1,192	564	82,199	82,110	99.89
	TOTAL	94	30,225	4,231	13,087	31,176	719	2,273	1,193	1,100	84,098	84,004	99.89
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	2,253	10	131	924	906	985	3,908	128	1,604	10,849	8,596	79.23
	State & Private	231	40	286	1,473	300	3,878	1,230	753	939	9,130	8,899	97.47
	TOTAL	2,484	50	417	2,397	1,206	4,863	5,138	881	2,543	19,979	17,495	87.57
TENNESSEE	Federal	156	---	41	41	1,960	20	7	1	3	2,229	2,073	93.00
	State & Private	4	820	3,891	20,901	32,096	522	1,895	445	1,548	62,122	62,118	99.99
	TOTAL	160	820	3,932	20,942	34,056	542	1,902	446	1,551	64,351	64,191	99.75
TEXAS	Federal	87	19	46	132	506	250	4	523	152	1,719	1,632	94.94
	State & Private	830	1,677	5,305	31,410	5,741	1,305	2,988	1,340	3,422	54,018	53,188	98.46
	TOTAL	917	1,696	5,351	31,542	6,247	1,555	2,992	1,863	3,574	55,737	54,820	98.35
UTAH	Federal	11,243	302	328	1,757	91	472	1	23	2,271	16,488	5,245	31.81
	State & Private	6,851	108	178	515	9,136	16,649	675	175	18,711	52,998	46,147	87.07
	TOTAL	18,094	410	506	2,272	9,227	17,121	676	198	20,982	69,486	51,392	73.96
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	---	39	13	139	513	24	4	35	367	1,134	1,134	100.00
	TOTAL	---	39	13	139	513	24	4	35	367	1,134	1,134	100.00
VIRGINIA	Federal	172	8	103	62	402	567	156	3	84	1,557	1,385	88.95
	State & Private	377	388	2,291	2,916	3,476	499	644	968	2,300	13,859	13,482	97.28
	TOTAL	549	396	2,394	2,978	3,878	1,066	800	971	2,384	15,416	14,867	96.44
WASHINGTON	Federal	51	528	60	421	30	6,388	---	4	17,762	25,244	25,193	99.80
	State & Private	82	2,281	112	1,617	2,336	2,807	8	117	3,384	12,744	12,662	99.36
	TOTAL	133	2,809	172	2,038	2,366	9,195	8	121	21,146	37,988	37,855	99.65
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	56	54	180	---	55	---	5	---	12	362	306	84.53
	State & Private	1,987	865	2,088	12,342	51,069	1,066	10,032	1,932	6,624	88,005	86,018	97.74
	TOTAL	2,043	919	2,268	12,342	51,124	1,066	10,037	1,932	6,636	88,367	86,324	97.69
WISCONSIN	Federal	2	10	8	---	23	29	29	---	134	235	233	99.15
	State & Private	94	381	7,838	2,619	11,371	1,529	1,775	178	4,091	29,876	29,782	99.69
	TOTAL	96	391	7,846	2,619	11,394	1,558	1,804	178	4,225	30,111	30,015	99.68
WYOMING	Federal	2,786	2,210	23	92	901	369	106	50	482	7,019	4,233	60.31
	State & Private	7,194	274	1,064	4,017	107	405	552	11	536	14,160	6,966	49.19
	TOTAL	9,980	2,484	1,087	4,109	1,008	774	658	61	1,018	21,179	11,199	52.88

1/ See page vi for list of States included in each Group.
2/ See page 56 for Fire Cause definitions.

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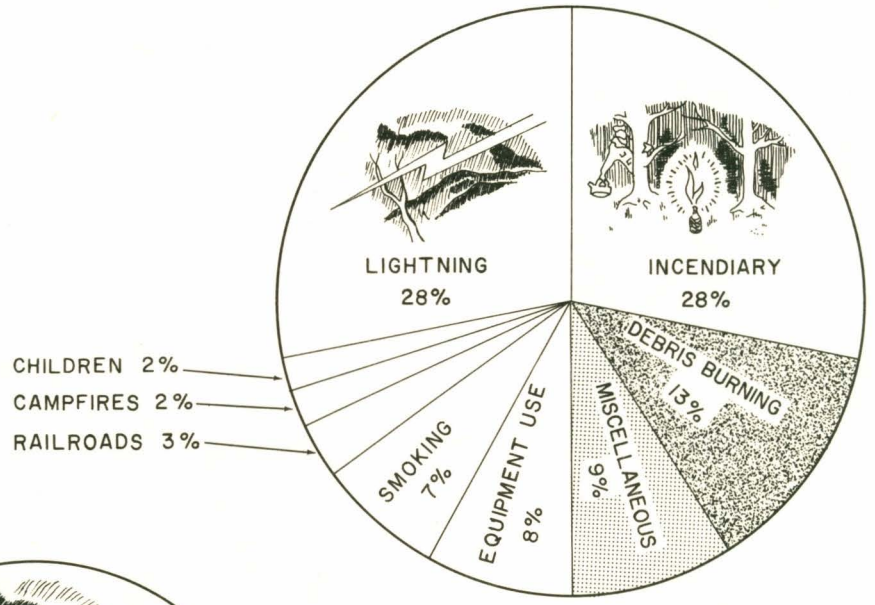

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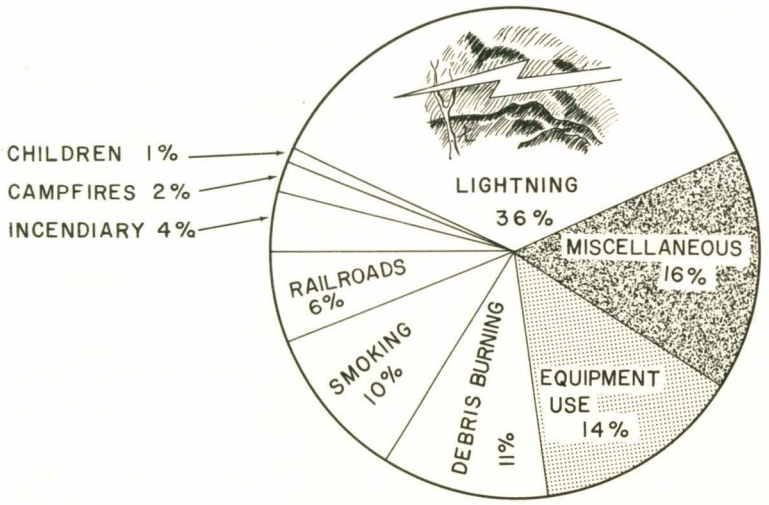

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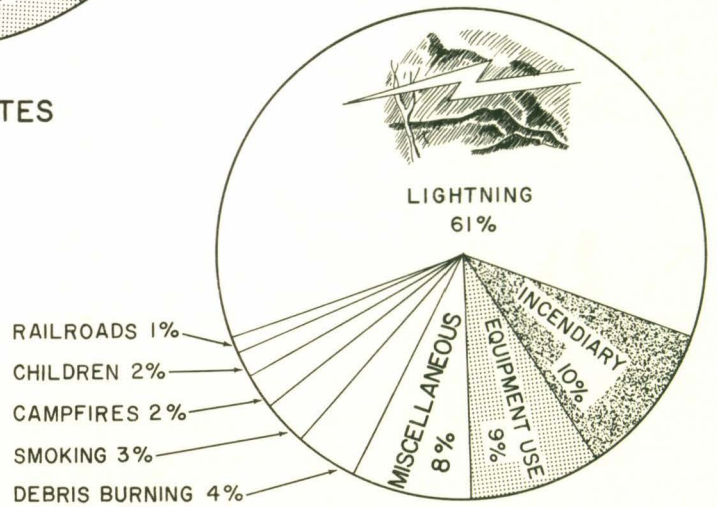

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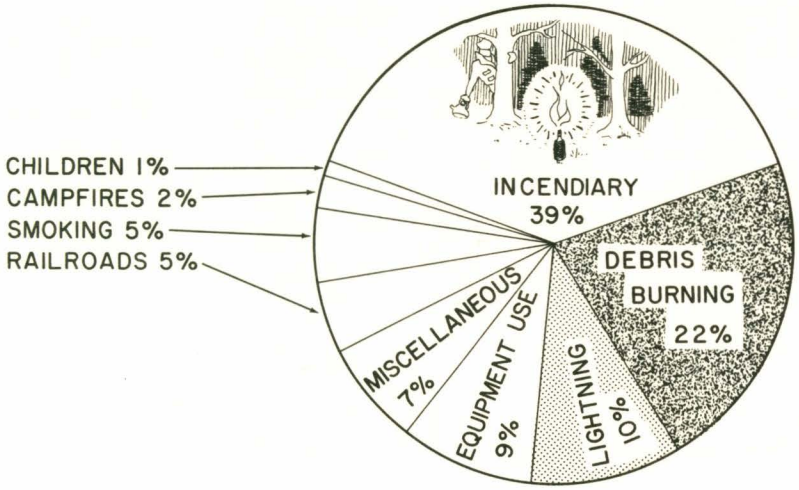

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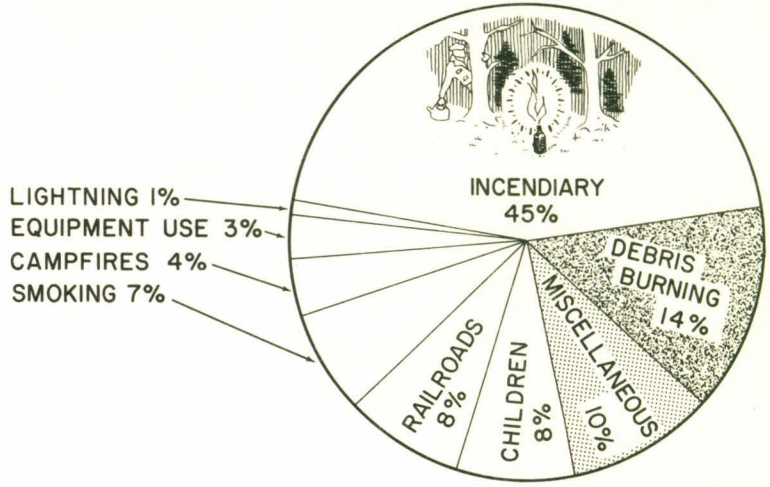

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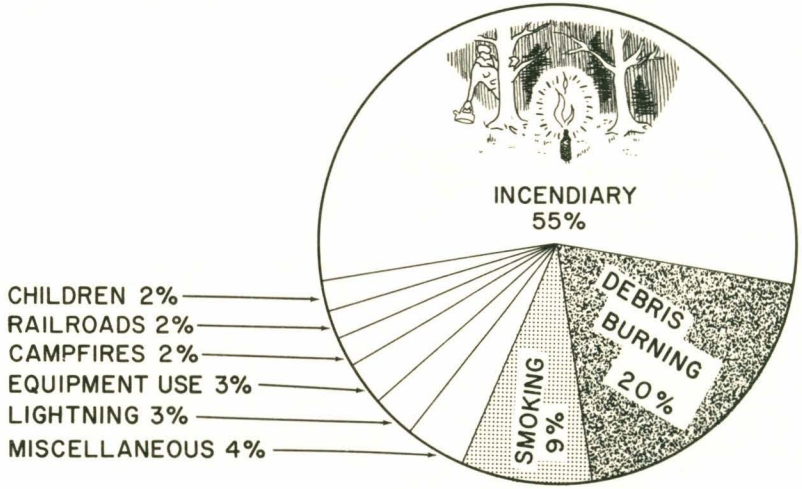

SOUTHERN GROUP

TABLE 8. -- ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY AREA TYPE CLASSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES

GROUPS 1/ OF STATES	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY AREA TYPE CLASSES 2/						TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED	Average No. Acres Burned Per Fire
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Acreage Burned	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Acreage Burned		
UNITED STATES	Federal	120,721	88,227	208,948	40.28	309,841	59.72	518,789	33
	State & Private	1,320,156	102,877	1,423,033	67.17	695,676	32.83	2,118,709	13
	TOTAL	1,440,877	191,104	1,631,981	61.88	1,005,517	38.12	2,637,498	15
ROCKY MOUNTAIN GROUP	Federal	13,698	29,489	43,187	15.92	228,149	84.08	271,336	35
	State & Private	17,126	14,183	31,309	9.00	316,456	91.00	347,765	40
	TOTAL	30,824	43,672	74,496	12.03	544,605	87.97	619,101	38
PACIFIC GROUP	Federal	23,197	48,617	71,814	55.11	58,491	44.89	130,305	28
	State & Private	26,010	37,420	63,430	31,62	137,157	68.38	200,587	16
	TOTAL	49,207	86,037	135,244	40.87	195,648	59.13	330,892	19
NORTH CENTRAL GROUP	Federal	62,963	4,207	67,170	97.87	1,461	2.13	68,631	62
	State & Private	180,137	767	180,904	60.60	117,604	39.40	298,508	13
	TOTAL	243,100	4,974	248,074	67.57	119,065	32.43	367,139	15
SOUTHERN GROUP	Federal	20,165	5,861	26,026	54.66	21,586	45.34	47,612	22
	State & Private	955,208	49,506	1,004,714	89.46	118,348	10.54	1,123,062	13
	TOTAL	975,373	55,367	1,030,740	88.05	139,934	11.95	1,170,674	13
EASTERN GROUP	Federal	698	53	751	82.98	154	17.02	905	11
	State & Private	141,675	1,001	142,676	95.89	6,111	4.11	148,787	7
	TOTAL	142,373	1,054	143,427	95.81	6,265	4.19	149,692	7
STATES									
ALABAMA	Federal	907	8	915	93.94	59	6.06	974	9
	State & Private	140,342	1,406	141,748	93.46	9,920	6.54	151,668	20
	TOTAL	141,249	1,414	142,663	93.46	9,979	6.54	152,642	20
ALASKA	Federal	14,971	36,110	51,081	91.97	4,462	8.03	55,543	261
	State & Private	20	1,169	1,189	78.38	328	21.62	1,517	6
	TOTAL	14,991	37,279	52,270	91.61	4,790	8.39	57,060	123
ARIZONA	Federal	1,345	4,288	5,633	17.95	25,749	82.05	31,382	13
	State & Private	15	1	16	0.34	4,682	99.66	4,698	35
	TOTAL	1,360	4,289	5,649	15.66	30,431	84.34	36,080	14
ARKANSAS	Federal	1,288	180	1,468	82.89	303	17.11	1,771	8
	State & Private	67,154	---	67,154	77.52	19,474	22.48	86,628	18
	TOTAL	68,442	180	68,622	77.63	19,777	22.37	88,399	17
CALIFORNIA	Federal	3,692	8,055	11,747	27.27	31,328	72.73	43,075	15
	State & Private	12,694	34,200	46,894	26.79	128,150	73.21	175,044	17
	TOTAL	16,386	42,255	58,641	26.88	159,478	73.12	218,119	16
COLORADO	Federal	313	3,454	3,767	70.24	1,596	29.76	5,363	7
	State & Private	1,506	1,787	3,293	73.03	1,216	26.97	4,509	8
	TOTAL	1,819	5,241	7,060	71.52	2,812	28.48	9,872	7
CONNECTICUT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	2,581	---	2,581	85.15	450	14.85	3,031	3
	TOTAL	2,581	---	2,581	85.15	450	14.85	3,031	3
DELAWARE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	265	---	265	81.54	60	18.46	325	5
	TOTAL	265	---	265	81.54	60	18.46	325	5
FLORIDA	Federal	1,262	1,488	2,750	19.12	11,633	80.88	14,383	87
	State & Private	104,748	6,187	110,935	79.02	29,445	20.98	140,380	16
	TOTAL	106,010	7,675	113,685	73.46	41,078	26.54	154,763	17

STATES 1/	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY AREA TYPE CLASSES 2/						TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED	Average No. Acres Burned Per Fire
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Acreage Burned	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Acreage Burned		
GEORGIA	Federal	1,964	706	2,670	99.59	11	0.41	2,681	12
	State & Private	54,470	---	54,470	93.86	3,565	6.14	58,035	4
	TOTAL	56,434	706	57,140	94.11	3,576	5.89	60,716	4
GUAM	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	NO REPORT RECEIVED							
	TOTAL	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
HAWAII	Federal	---	---	---	---	35	100.00	35	12
	State & Private	15	1,336	1,351	17.14	6,530	82.86	7,881	125
	TOTAL	15	1,336	1,351	17.07	6,565	82.93	7,916	120
IDAHO	Federal	1,141	1,056	2,197	1.37	158,168	98.63	160,365	214
	State & Private	245	865	1,110	6.53	15,893	93.47	17,003	41
	TOTAL	1,386	1,921	3,307	1.86	174,061	98.14	177,368	153
ILLINOIS	Federal	98	3	101	52.88	90	47.12	191	6
	State & Private	4,069	302	4,371	67.66	2,089	32.34	6,460	19
	TOTAL	4,167	305	4,472	67.24	2,179	32.76	6,651	18
INDIANA	Federal	127	71	198	69.47	87	30.53	285	8
	State & Private	6,825	---	6,825	99.97	2	0.03	6,827	14
	TOTAL	6,952	71	7,023	98.75	89	1.25	7,112	14
IOWA	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	4,876	367	5,243	16.00	27,527	84.00	32,770	4
	TOTAL	4,876	367	5,243	16.00	27,527	84.00	32,770	4
KANSAS	Federal	---	1	1	100.00	---	---	1	0.2
	State & Private	11,884	---	11,884	6.09	183,351	93.91	195,235	81
	TOTAL	11,884	1	11,885	6.09	183,351	93.91	195,236	81
KENTUCKY	Federal	812	44	856	86.29	136	13.71	992	10
	State & Private	112,163	---	112,163	90.64	11,576	9.36	123,739	30
	TOTAL	112,975	44	113,019	90.61	11,712	9.39	124,731	29
LOUISIANA	Federal	3,405	604	4,009	89.77	457	10.23	4,466	20
	State & Private	83,278	---	83,278	100.00	---	---	83,278	10
	TOTAL	86,683	604	87,287	99.48	457	0.52	87,744	10
MAINE	Federal	2	1	3	100.00	---	---	3	1
	State & Private	5,524	398	5,922	92.86	455	7.14	6,377	9
	TOTAL	5,526	399	5,925	92.87	455	7.13	6,380	9
MARYLAND	Federal	---	8	8	18.18	36	81.82	44	9
	State & Private	3,555	---	3,555	100.00	---		3,555	4
	TOTAL	3,555	8	3,563	99.00	36	1.00	3,599	4
MASSACHUSETTS	Federal	---	3	3	13.64	19	86.36	22	3
	State & Private	9,584	---	9,584	98.88	109	1.12	9,693	1
	TOTAL	9,584	3	9,587	98.68	128	1.32	9,715	1
MICHIGAN	Federal	56,879	69	56,948	99.53	267	0.47	57,215	387
	State & Private	25,015	---	25,015	98.21	455	1.79	25,470	19
	TOTAL	81,894	69	81,963	99.13	722	0.87	82,685	56

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2/ See page 56 for area type (Land Classification) definitions.

TABLE 8. -- ACRES BURNED BY WILDFIRES IN THE UNITED STATES BY AREA TYPE CLASSES -- CALENDAR YEAR 1976
PROTECTED AREA ONLY -- BY STATES AND GROUPS OF STATES (Continued)

STATES	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY AREA TYPE CLASSES 2/						TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED	Average No. Acres Burned Per Fire
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Acreage Burned	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Acreage Burned		
MINNESOTA	Federal	2,078	3,984	6,062	87.44	871	12.56	6,933	19
	State & Private	85,510	---	85,510	57.00	64,508	43.00	150,018	44
	TOTAL	87,588	3,984	91,572	58.34	65,379	41.66	156,951	42
MISSISSIPPI	Federal	2,974	64	3,038	98.73	39	1.27	3,077	12
	State & Private	96,305	---	96,305	88.04	13,084	11.96	109,389	12
	TOTAL	99,279	64	99,343	88.33	13,123	11.67	112,466	12
MISSOURI	Federal	3,322	57	3,379	97.21	97	2.79	3,476	8
	State & Private	32,122	98	32,220	69.49	14,144	30.51	46,364	8
	TOTAL	35,444	155	35,599	71.43	14,241	28.57	49,840	8
MONTANA	Federal	3,275	1,022	4,297	52.25	3,927	47.75	8,224	12
	State & Private	467	138	605	35.95	1,078	64.05	1,683	6
	TOTAL	3,742	1,160	4,902	49.48	5,005	50.52	9,907	11
NEBRASKA	Federal	90	1,535	1,625	60.12	1,078	39.88	2,703	63
	State & Private	806	---	806	3.72	20,888	96.28	21,694	8
	TOTAL	896	1,535	2,431	9.96	21,966	90.04	24,397	9
NEVADA	Federal	135	1,108	1,243	14.20	7,510	85.80	8,753	36
	State & Private	15	---	15	0.44	3,432	99.56	3,447	14
	TOTAL	150	1,108	1,258	10.31	10,942	89.69	12,200	25
NEW HAMPSHIRE	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	330	---	330	100.00	---	---	330	0.4
	TOTAL	330	---	330	100.00	---	---	330	0.4
NEW JERSEY	Federal	280	14	294	97.67	7	2.33	301	50
	State & Private	12,247	---	12,247	88.62	1,572	11.38	13,819	6
	TOTAL	12,527	14	12,541	88.82	1,579	11.18	14,120	6
NEW MEXICO	Federal	6,184	3,899	10,083	80.30	2,474	19.70	12,557	11
	State & Private	264	578	842	3.73	21,718	96.27	22,560	112
	TOTAL	6,448	4,477	10,925	31.11	24,192	68.89	35,117	26
NEW YORK	Federal	---	---	---	---	86	100.00	86	4
	State & Private	5,386	---	5,386	86.04	874	13.96	6,260	12
	TOTAL	5,386	---	5,386	84.87	960	15.13	6,346	12
NORTH CAROLINA	Federal	2,480	1,050	3,530	33.97	6,860	66.03	10,390	56
	State & Private	62,710	6,668	69,378	97.32	1,907	2.68	71,285	12
	TOTAL	65,190	7,718	72,908	89.27	8,767	10.73	81,675	13
NORTH DAKOTA	Federal	---	287	287	3.76	7,345	96.24	7,632	44
	State & Private	648	---	648	100.00	---	---	648	36
	TOTAL	648	287	935	11.29	7,345	88.71	8,280	43
OHIO	Federal	278	1	279	94.26	17	5.74	296	7
	State & Private	336	---	336	46.47	387	53.53	723	3
	TOTAL	614	1	615	60.35	404	39.65	1,019	4
OKLAHOMA	Federal	30	159	189	12.82	1,285	87.18	1,474	22
	State & Private	35,823	35,062	70,885	81.98	15,577	18.02	86,462	37
	TOTAL	35,853	35,221	71,074	80.82	16,862	19.18	87,936	36

STATES [1]	OWNERSHIP	ACRES BURNED BY AREA TYPE CLASSES [2]						TOTAL NUMBER OF ACRES BURNED	Average No. Acres Burned Per Fire
		Commercial Forest	Non-Commercial Forest	TOTAL FOREST	Percent of Total Acreage Burned	TOTAL NONFORESTED WATERSHED	Percent of Total Acreage Burned		
OREGON	Federal	1,696	102	1,798	28.06	4,610	71.94	6,408	6
	State & Private	2,840	135	2,975	87.47	426	12.53	3,401	4
	TOTAL	4,536	237	4,773	48.66	5,036	51.34	9,809	5
PENNSYLVANIA	Federal	56	27	83	95.40	4	4.60	87	5
	State & Private	14,152	---	14,152	95.28	701	4.72	14,853	8
	TOTAL	14,208	27	14,235	95.28	705	4.72	14,940	8
RHODE ISLAND	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	990	384	1,374	97.79	31	2.21	1,405	2
	TOTAL	990	384	1,374	97.79	31	2.21	1,405	2
SOUTH CAROLINA	Federal	1,580	316	1,896	99.84	3	0.16	1,899	17
	State & Private	75,388	44	75,432	91.77	6,767	8.23	82,199	8
	TOTAL	76,968	360	77,328	91.95	6,770	8.05	84,098	8
SOUTH DAKOTA	Federal	166	463	629	5.80	10,220	94.20	10,849	22
	State & Private	92	98	190	2.08	8,940	97.92	9,130	16
	TOTAL	258	561	819	4.10	19,160	95.90	19,979	19
TENNESSEE	Federal	1,674	503	2,177	97.67	52	2.33	2,229	10
	State & Private	57,207	---	57,207	92.09	4,915	7.91	62,122	11
	TOTAL	58,881	503	59,384	92.28	4,967	7.72	64,351	11
TEXAS	Federal	524	536	1,060	61.66	659	38.34	1,719	26
	State & Private	54,018	---	54,018	100.00	---	---	54,018	14
	TOTAL	54,542	536	55,078	98.82	659	1.18	55,737	15
UTAH	Federal	933	6,598	7,531	45.68	8,957	54.32	16,488	26
	State & Private	811	4,982	5,793	10.93	47,205	89.07	52,998	89
	TOTAL	1,744	11,580	13,324	19.18	56,162	80.82	69,486	56
VERMONT	Federal	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
	State & Private	470	219	689	60.76	445	39.24	1,134	6
	TOTAL	470	219	689	60.76	445	39.24	1,134	6
VIRGINIA	Federal	1,265	203	1,468	94.28	89	5.72	1,557	12
	State & Private	11,602	139	11,741	84.72	2,118	15.28	13,859	3
	TOTAL	12,867	342	13,209	85.68	2,207	14.32	15,416	3
WASHINGTON	Federal	2,838	4,350	7,188	28.47	18,056	71.53	25,244	62
	State & Private	10,441	580	11,021	86.48	1,723	13.52	12,744	17
	TOTAL	13,279	4,930	18,209	47.93	19,779	52.07	37,988	32
WEST VIRGINIA	Federal	360	---	360	99.45	2	0.55	362	18
	State & Private	86,591	---	86,591	98.39	1,414	1.61	88,005	30
	TOTAL	86,951	---	86,951	98.40	1,416	1.60	88,367	30
WISCONSIN	Federal	181	22	203	86.38	32	13.62	235	4
	State & Private	21,384	---	21,384	71.58	8,492	28.42	29,876	7
	TOTAL	21,565	22	21,587	71.69	8,524	28.31	30,111	7
WYOMING	Federal	116	5,778	5,894	83.97	1,125	16.03	7,019	20
	State & Private	373	5,734	6,107	43.13	8,053	56.87	14,160	25
	TOTAL	489	11,512	12,001	56.66	9,178	43.34	21,179	23

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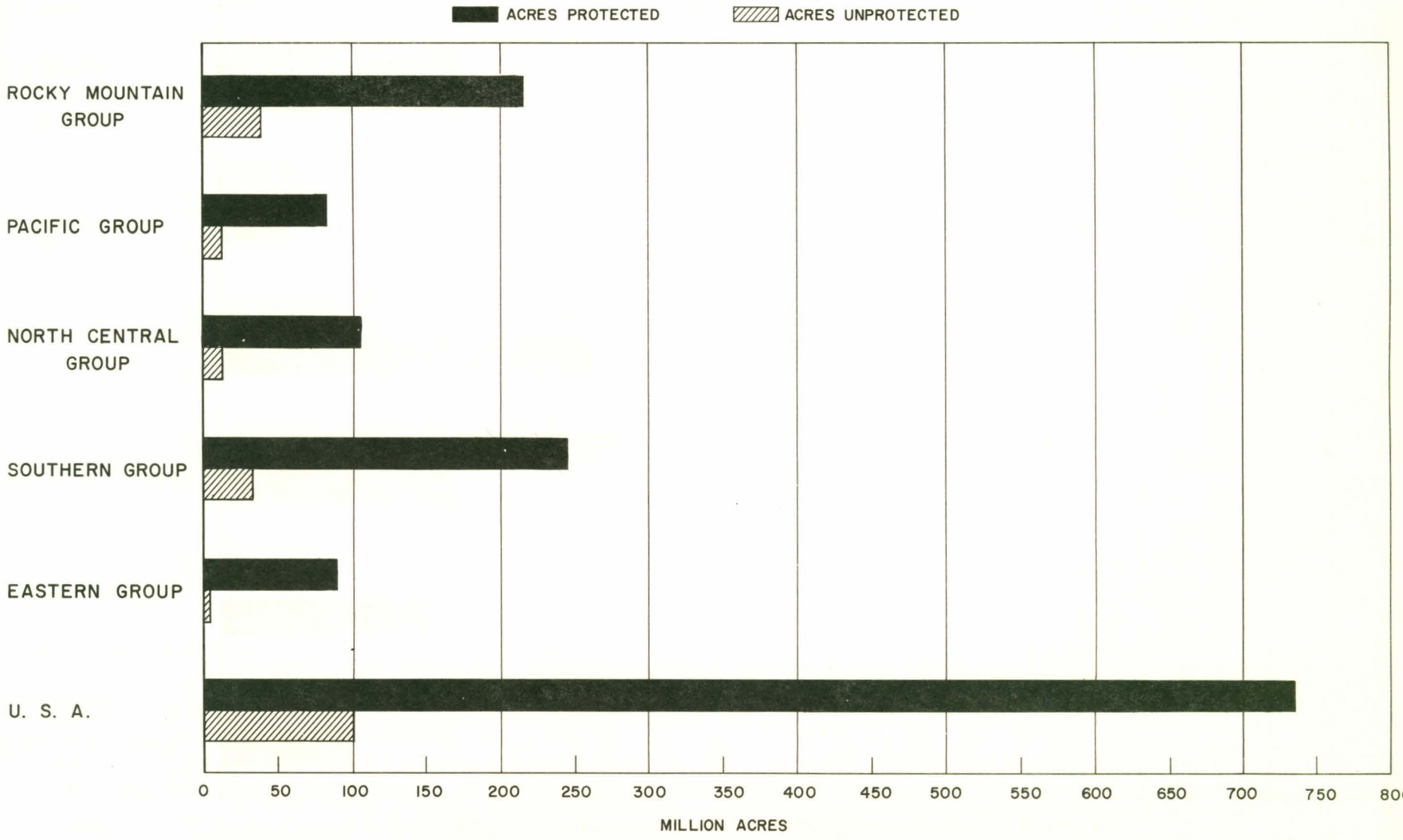
ACRES PROTECTED AND UNPROTECTED - BY GROUPS - 1976

STATE AND PRIVATE LANDS



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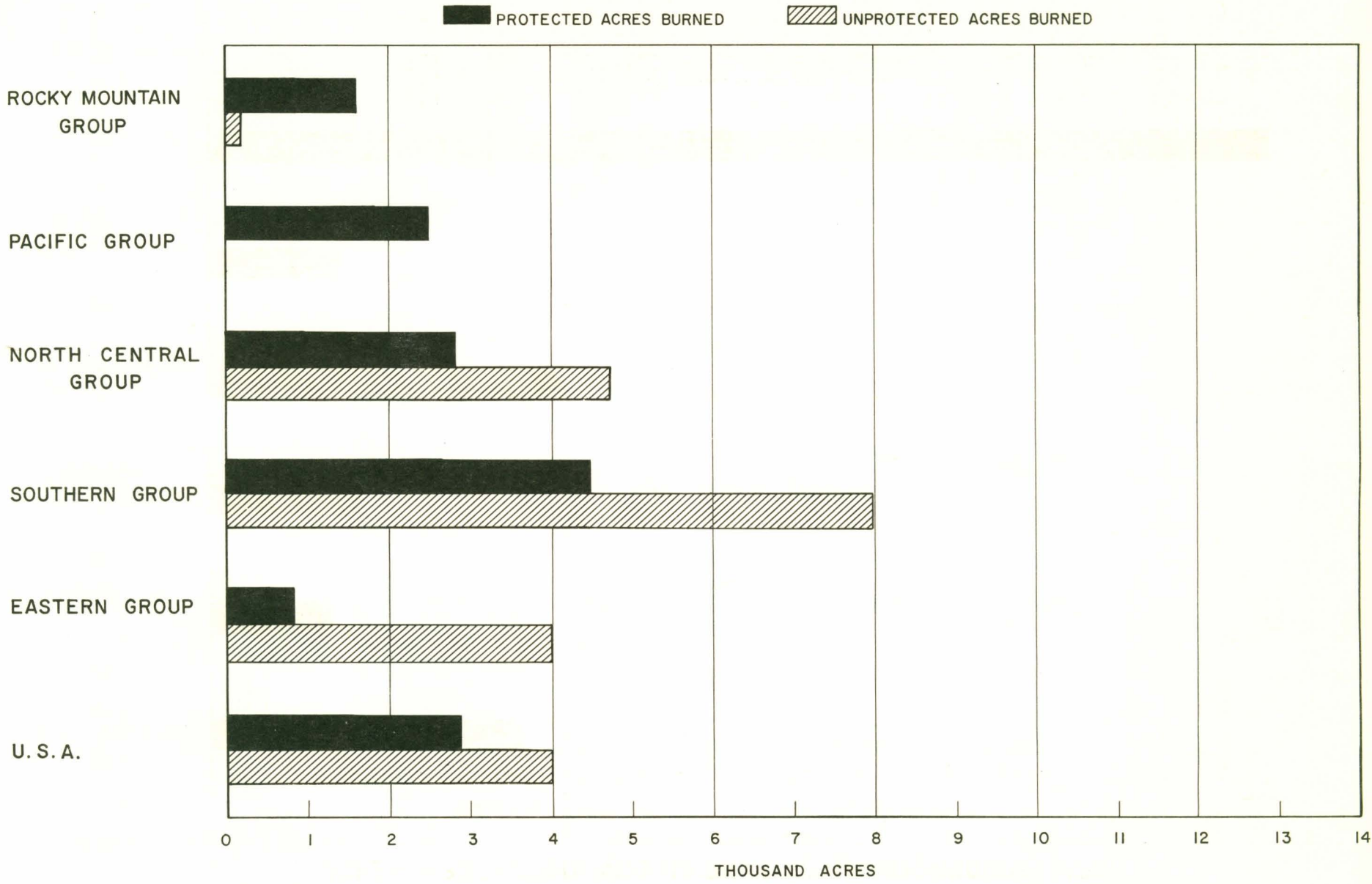

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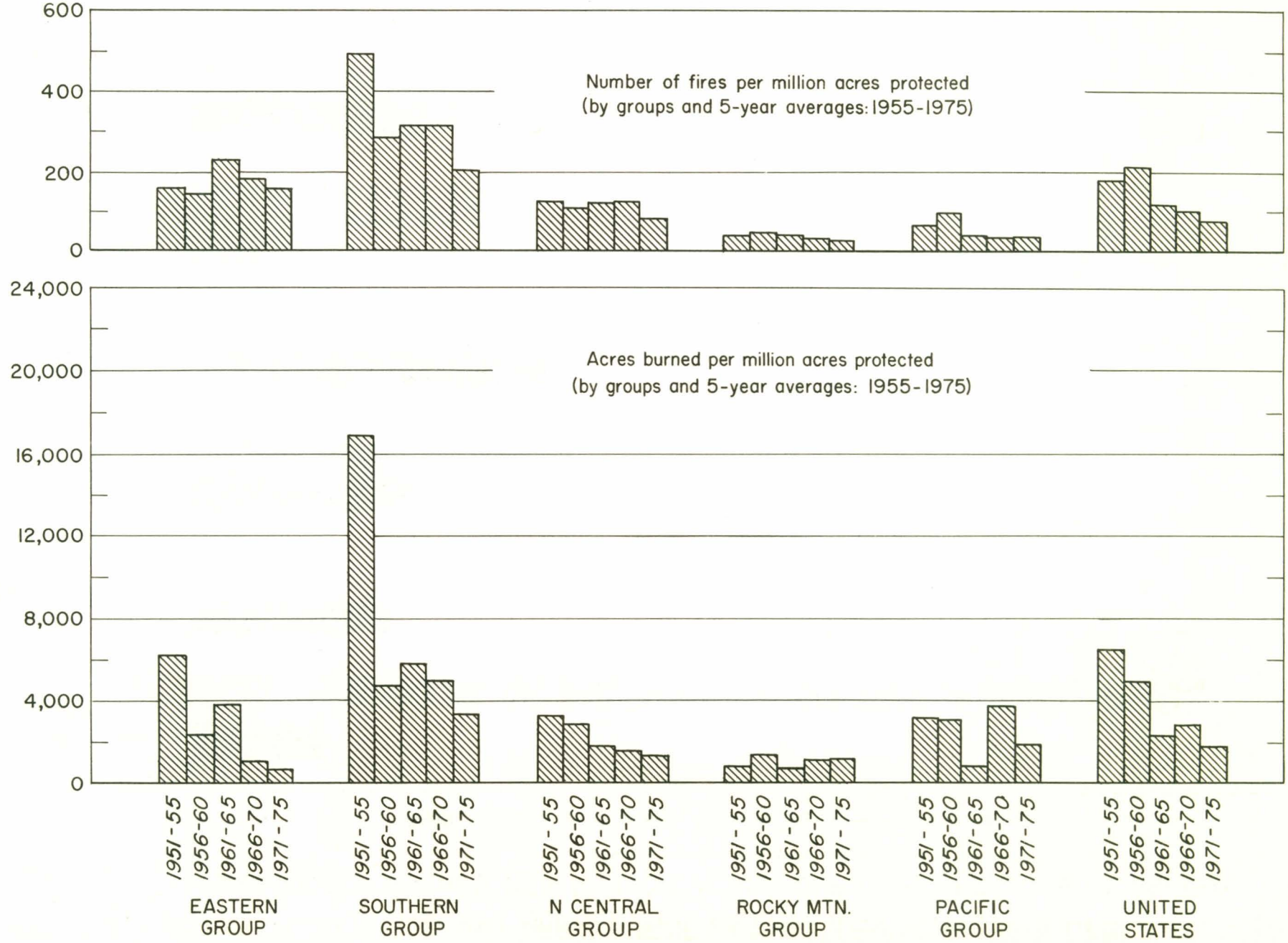

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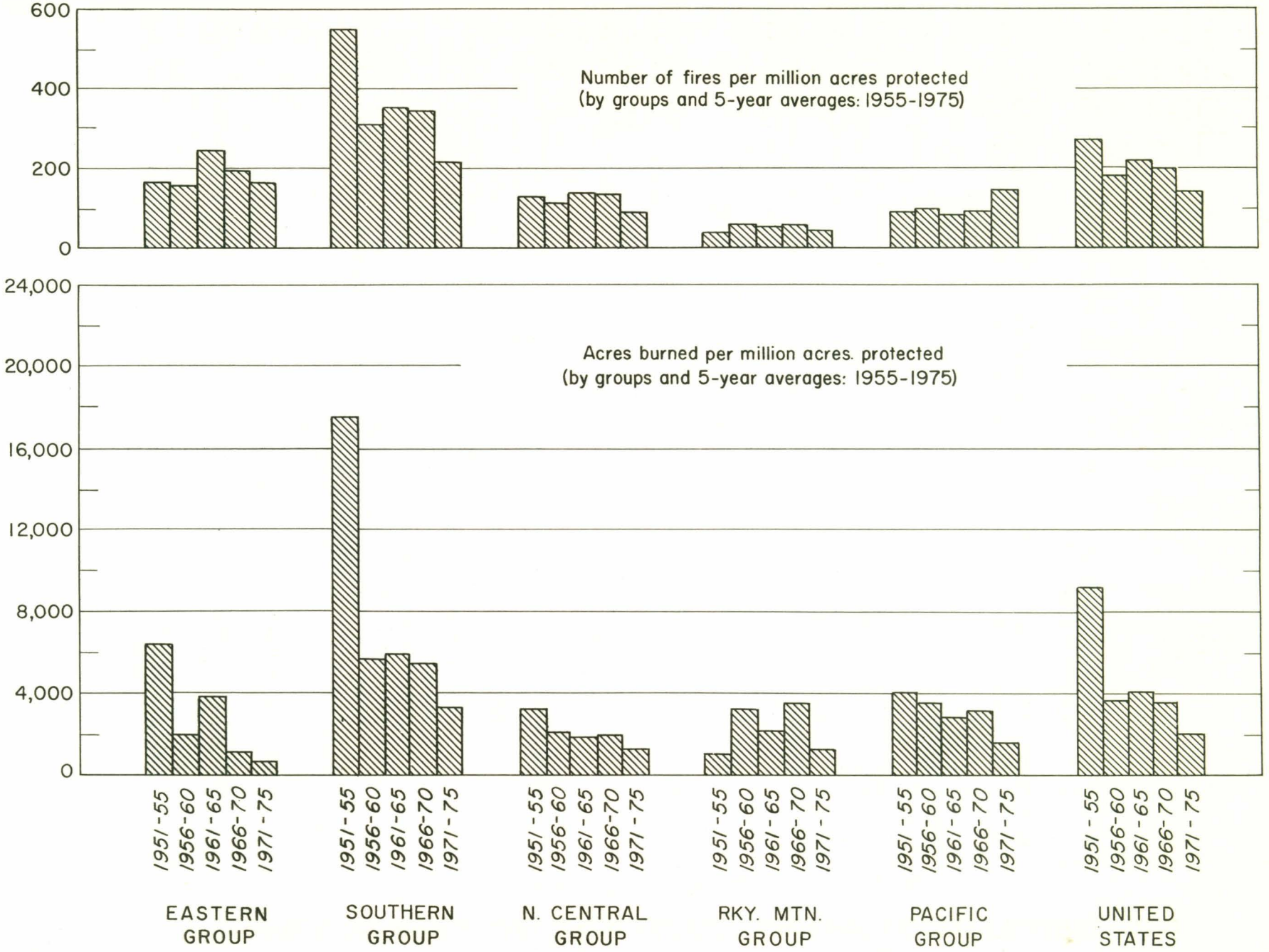

BASIC DEFINITIONS

WILDFIRE - Any fire that burns uncontrolled in vegetative or associated flammable material.

REPORTABLE FIRE - Any wildfire that requires suppression action to protect natural resources or values associated with natural resources, or is destructive to natural resources.

LAND CLASSIFICATIONS

Commercial Forest Land - Forest land that is producing, or is capable of producing, crops of industrial wood and is not withdrawn from timber use by statute or administrative regulation. Includes areas suitable for management to grow crops of industrial wood and generally capable of producing in excess of 20 cubic feet per acre of annual growth. Includes both accessible and prospectively accessible areas and both operable and prospectively operable areas. (USFS Forest Survey).

Noncommercial Forest Land - Unproductive forest land incapable of yielding crops of industrial wood because of adverse site conditions, and productive forest land withdrawn from commercial timber use through statute or administrative regulation. (USFS Forest Survey).

Nonforested Watershed Land - Land that has never supported forests, and lands formerly forested but now developed for such nonforest uses as crops, improved pasture, residential areas, city parks, improved roads and adjoining rights-of-way, powerline clearings, and certain areas of water classified by the Bureau of the Census as land. Includes brush, chaparral, or grass-covered watershed of navigable streams, or streams that are important for supplying water for domestic use or irrigation. (A combination of USFS Survey and C-M 2 definitions.)

FIRE CAUSES

Lightning - Self explanatory.

Campfire - A wildfire resulting from a fire started for cooking, heating, or providing light or warmth.

Smoking - Wildfires caused by smokers from matches, lighters, tobacco, or other smoking material.

FIRE CAUSES (continued)

Debris Burning - A wildfire spreading from clearing land, burning trash, range, stubble, meadow, rights-of-way, logging slash, or other prescribed burning.

Incendiary - Wildfires willfully set by anyone to burn, or to spread to, vegetation or property not owned or controlled by him, and without consent of the owner or his agent.

Equipment Use - Wildfires caused by any and all mechanical equipment other than railroad operations.

Railroad - Wildfires caused by all railroad operations including burning rights-of-way and ties.

Children - Wildfires started by children less than 12 years old.

Miscellaneous - Wildfires that cannot be properly classified under other general causes.

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